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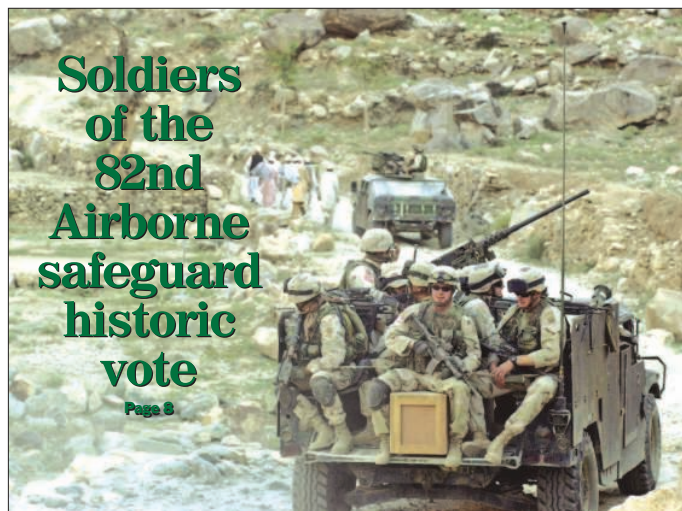
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A truckload of 82nd Airborne Division soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Company B hold on Monday as their Humvee driver negotiates a narrow road in Afghanistan less than two miles from the Pakistan border. Troops from Fort Bragg, N.C., are in Afghanistan to try to keep insurgents from disrupting Saturday's historic national presidential elections.



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States

Peterson murder trial: Prosecutors in the Scott Peterson murder trial called to the stand their 174th and final witness, a police investigator who portrayed the former fertilizer salesman as a man on the run because he killed his pregnant wife, Laci.

Modesto Detective Jon Buehler wrapped up 19 weeks of testimony by the state's witnesses, describing the details of Peterson's arrest on April 19, 2003. The defense begins its case next Tuesday.

Gay marriage in Louisiana: A judge threw out a Louisiana constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, saying it was flawed as drawn up by the Legislature because it had more than one purpose.

District Judge William Morvant said Tuesday that the amendment, overwhelmingly approved by voters less than three weeks ago, banned not only gay marriage but also civil unions.

Cheating-husband murder: Attorneys for a woman who ran over her cheating husband outside the hotel where they married a decade earlier want her murder conviction overturned.

Clara Harris was sentenced to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine last year for killing David Harris in July 2002 after finding him at a suburban Houston hotel with his mistress.

Harris' attorneys argue the court erred by not allowing jurors to see a videotape and virtual reality re-creation of the route Harris took in the parking lot on the summer night her husband was killed following a confrontation between his wife and lover.

Clara Harris' attorneys also say state District Judge Carol Davies should have allowed jurors to consider reckless driving as a lesser offense.

La. serial killings trial: Lawyers for serial killings suspect Derrick Todd Lee questioned the analysis, equipment and questions used in DNA testing that authorities say linked Lee to a brutal Baton Rouge, La., murder.

Julia Naylor, an analyst with the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab, said the genetic material she collected at the murder scene — evidence prosecutors said matched Lee's DNA profile — was so rare there is only one in 3.6 quadrillion chance it would match and randomly selected person.

Already facing a life sentence for an earlier conviction, Lee, 35, is on trial for first-degree murder in the rape, beating and stabbing of Charlotte Murray Pace, 22, who was found dead in May 2002. Authorities say Lee has been linked by DNA to the deaths of seven women from 1998 to 2003.

Michigan riot: A woman who police say sold stones to rioters in Benton Harbor, Mich., last year and used the money to pay her cable television bill has pleaded no contest to inciting a riot.

Yvondia Taylor, 32, entered the plea Monday. A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt but is treated as such for sentencing purposes. She is free on bail, but faces up to 10 years in prison at her sentencing Nov. 15.

The city of Benton Harbor was devastated by two nights of rioting last June sparked by the death of a black motorcyclist during a high-speed police chase. Twenty-one houses, many vacant, were destroyed.

Lennon's killer's parole: John Lennon's



Haiti unrest: An Argentinian U.N. peacekeeper maintains order as Haitian women receive a week's worth of food at a U.N. food distribution center in Gonaves, Haiti. U.N. peacekeepers and Haitian police in armored personnel carriers moved in on a Port-au-Prince school blocked by loyalists of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, taking action to halt a new urban offensive dubbed "Operation Bagdad." The bodies of three police officers were decapitated last week when Aristide supporters launched an urban guerrilla campaign imitating gory beheadings by Iraqi insurgents.

killer will remain in prison for at least two more years after being denied parole Tuesday because of the "extreme malicious intent" he showed in gunning down the former Beatie in 1980.

Mark David Chapman, 49, was notified of the decision late Tuesday after appearing before a three-member panel earlier in the day.

Longer shifts for truckers: Congress overturned a court order and quietly reinstated a trucking industry-supported rule that allows drivers to stay behind the wheel longer between rest periods.

A federal court threw out the regulation last summer, saying the Bush administration had failed to consider its impact on truckers' health. The rule, which had been in effect for nine months, allows drivers to work up to 11 consecutive hours, one more hour than previously permitted, and to log a maximum of 77 hours over seven days, 17 more than before.

Martha Stewart jail term: The U.S. Bureau of Prisons says the West Virginia prison camp where Martha Stewart will serve a five-month sentence is safe and secure, contradicting a union official who claimed staffing shortages.

Bureau spokeswoman Traci Billingsley said Tuesday that although there are some vacant positions at the Alderson Federal Prison Camp, the 44 officers working there now "are adequate to protect all offenders at that facility." She did not immediately know how many vacancies there are.

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Business

Disney lawsuit: The parents of a 22-year-old man killed riding a Disneyland roller coaster filed a wrongful death lawsuit Tuesday against The Walt Disney Co. Marcelo Torres suffered severe blunt

force trauma and died of extensive internal bleeding in the September 2003 accident that injured 10 other people. Torres died when the Big Thunder Mountain Railroad's locomotive struck a tunnel roof and the first passenger car ran under the locomotive.

Enron scandal: A former assistant treasurer at toppled energy giant Enron pleaded guilty to conspiring Tuesday for his role in making Enron's financial picture appear rosier than it really was.

Timothy DeSpain, 39, admitted lying to — or keeping pertinent financial information from — credit rating agencies so Enron could maintain an investment ranking critical to its ability to borrow money and support its volatile stock price in Houston, Texas, who worked at Enron from 1998 to 2002, could receive up to five years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine.

World

North Korea nuclear talks: The international community is becoming impatient over the lack of progress in six-party talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons development, and the U.N. Security Council should act on the matter, the U.N. nuclear chief said Wednesday.

Mohamed ElBaradei, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said a passive response by the Security Council would set "the worst precedent of all." He did not specify what measures should be taken.

Terror trial in France: Ten suspected Islamic militants, including one of Osama bin Laden's alleged associates, went on trial Wednesday in connection with the millennium plot to attack the Christmas market in eastern French city of Strasbourg.

Eight of the suspects were on hand for the trial at the Paris criminal court. Another is detained in Britain while one who has been released pending trial did not appear in court. All are Algerians or French-Algerians.

The 10 are charged with criminal association with a terrorist enterprise, a charge that can bring a 10-year prison term.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Clarification

A story about academy shortages in Wednesday's editions should have said David Vetter, the dean of admissions at the U.S. Naval Academy, is a retired Marine Corps colonel.

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Spc. Michael Balasnowicz, left, shows his friends his certificate of U.S. citizenship after a naturalization ceremony Wednesday in Germany. Balasnowicz, a Polish immigrant, was among 28 servicemembers naturalized during the event.

PHOTOS BY MARINI MCENTEE/Stars and Stripes

Servicemembers become U.S. citizens in Germany

28 naturalized in one of the first ceremonies held abroad

BY MARINI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

VOGELWEH, Germany — In one of the first naturalization ceremonies overseas, 28 servicemembers became U.S. citizens Wednesday after raising their right hands and pledging allegiance to their adopted country.

Among them were immigrants from around the globe — Peru, Poland, Ukraine, South Korea, Bangladesh and Germany. Some joined the U.S. military years ago. Many were relative newcomers to this country and to its armed services. All solidified their commitment to the United States by becoming full-fledged citizens.

"It feels great to be an American," said Spc. Md Rabbi Alam, 30, who came to the United States from Khulna, Bangladesh, in 2000, and enlisted in the Army the same year.

"I was down and fighting, and now I feel like I did something for my country." Everything I did, I did for my country and the Army," he said.

Alam served in Iraq in 2003, at Baghdad International Airport, as part of Battery D, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery out of Ansbach, Germany.

The Kaiserslautern event is the third overseas military natural-

ization ceremony held for servicemembers.

Last November, President Bush signed the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2004, which amended portions of the Immigration and Nationality section to allow for overseas military naturalization ceremonies. Before Oct. 1, military members could only naturalize while in the United States.

During the past year, 9,000 military members became U.S. citizens. Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 1.5 million people have become naturalized U.S. citizens.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Eduardo Aguirre Jr. presided over the two other overseas ceremonies, naturalizing 17 soldiers in Afghanistan and 34 more in Iraq, before heading the event in Vogelweh.

Similar ceremonies will take place Oct. 14 in Seoul, South Korea, and Oct. 18 in Tokyo.

"Words cannot capture your country's gratitude for your service," said Aguirre, also a naturalized U.S. citizen who emigrated from Havana, when he was 15. "Today you have become full partners in the American family."

Pfc. Jorge Latorre, 22, dreamed of coming to the United States from his native Peru since he was a child. But he didn't join his

Twenty-eight active-duty servicemembers became U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony Wednesday in Vogelweh, Germany.

- Petty Officer 3rd Class Mikel Aaron
- Spc. Md Rabbi Alam
- Spc. Wilma Allen
- Spc. Mihai Balasnowicz
- Sgt. 1st Class Humberto Barrett
- Sgt. Ruten Coton Jr.
- Sgt. Israel de la Cruz
- Sgt. Nancy Elliott
- Dale Holder
- Pfc. Jorge Latorre
- Sgt. John Taylor Lavery
- Sgt. Kenna Montano
- Spc. Winnie Moore
- Spc. Martha Mullings Foster
- Spc. Aleksey Myastkovskiy
- Spc. Nikolay Myastkovskiy
- Sgt. Joane Noel
- Sgt. Kenna Montano
- Pfc. Pablo Pena Navarro
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- Spc. Borland Prykhalin
- Spc. Cassandra Rodriguez de Arvizu
- Spc. Voin Slav
- Spc. Andrey Skroznikov
- Spc. Loan Tran
- Spc. Mengistu Wolokole

father in Boston until 2002. The next year, he joined the Army and was a member of 1st Battalion, 1st Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Armored Division from Bidingen, Germany.

"I feel really, really happy and very proud of all the things I did to try to get citizenship," Latorre said. "It's a great honor to become a U.S. citizen. Now, I have more possibilities to do more for my country."

Spc. Winnie Moore, 30, of Trinidad and Tobago, has been in the United States for 18 years. She belongs to the 54th Engineer Battalion based in Bamberg, Germany, and recently returned from duty at several bases in Iraq.

"During the ceremony, I was trying to hold my tears," Moore said. "I had children, Denise, 10, and Deron, 6, clutching tiny American flags during the ceremony."

Weiden, Germany, resident Sgt. Wilma Allen, 33, of the 21st Theater Support Command's 68th Transportation Company, summed up her feelings in one word: "Pride."

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SAT I Results by School

School	Tests administered		Tests administered	
	SAT I Verbal	SAT I Math	SAT I Verbal	SAT I Math
2003			2004	
Ansbach HS	14	458	23	483
Bad Aibling School	6	*	*	*
Bamberg HS	16	494	17	508
Hohenfels HS	24	527	508	20
Patch HS	71	539	519	45
Wilsch HS	50	490	456	39
Wuerzburg HS	77	496	478	63
Gieszen HS	7	*	*	*
Hanau HS	37	474	482	32
Heidelberg HS	105	533	526	100
Mannheim HS	23	544	510	23
Wiesbaden/H. H. Arnold	90	515	487	78
A.T. Mahon HS	16	528	509	12
Alconbury HS	15	538	481	13
Bahrain School	90	501	537	97
Brussels HS	14	526	536	18
Lajes HS	14	521	505	21
Lakehead HS	70	517	510	76
London Central HS	43	514	480	47
Menwith Hill ES/HS	8	*	*	19
Shape HS	33	544	552	45
Alnport HS	42	510	503	33
Baumholder HS	26	485	478	26
Bitburg HS	36	515	486	48
Kaiserslautern HS	69	510	483	75
Ramstein HS	125	518	504	124
Ankara HS/Geo. C. Marshall	17	549	561	10
Aviano HS	41	530	500	40
Incirlik HS	23	499	492	12
Livorno HS	6	*	*	*
Naples HS	57	522	497	58
Rota/David G. Farragut HS	20	507	492	24
Signonella/Stephen Decatur	25	467	447	21
Vicenza HS	29	499	474	20

* Average score unavailable ** Bad Aibling School closed in 2004

Source: DODDS

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DODDS-Europe students get marks on 2004 SATs

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

SAT I scores for 2004 graduates of Department of Defense high schools in Europe remained above the national average in the verbal portion of the test, but lagged in the math portion, according to results released recently by the DOD's education activity.

The scores for Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe students averaged 513 for verbal and 503 for math, while the national averages were 508 for verbal and 518 for math.

A larger percentage of DODDS-Europe students took the test this year, 65 percent, compared to the national average of 48 percent.

"While the DODDS-Europe participation rate is significantly above that of the nation, we still score at about the national average," DODDS-Europe spokesman Frank O'Gara wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

"But that's just not good enough. Every year we explore new ways to improve students' test-taking skills and to enhance the rigor of our secondary programs. ... We are aggressively pursuing ways to increase the achievement and performance of all students."

Overall, students from 12 schools in DODDS-Europe increased averages in both verbal and math scores from the previous year. Eight schools had lower scores in both categories.

Five schools scored higher than the national average for both portions, with the 124 test-takers from Ramstein High School in Germany averaging a 539 verbal and 532 math.

Alconbury High School in England had the highest average verbal score with a 567, and Brussels High School in Belgium had the highest average math score with a 567.

The press release showed that DODDS' African-American students scored much higher than the national average, 40 points higher in verbal and 25 in math. Hispanic students scored an average 18 points higher in verbal and four points higher in math.

According to the release, the SAT I is a three-hour test measuring verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities, to measure students' portable college performance. SAT I scores range from 200 to 800, and the release said that four DOD students scored 800 in verbal and another four scored a perfect score in math.

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Pfc. Jorge Latorre, left, and 27 other servicemembers become U.S. citizens on Wednesday. Latorre is from Cuzco, Peru.

Labor department launches program for injured veterans

By SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan who want to continue to work but can't return to active duty now have a program launched by the Labor Department to help them find jobs in the civilian sector.

Troops will get individualized help, from counselors identifying their interests and likes and matching those to available jobs and careers, to identifying what equipment or products, such as voice-activated computer software, they might need to do the job, said Chick Ciccollella, deputy assistant secretary for Veterans Employment and Training at the Labor Department.

"We provide person-to-person assistance and focus on employment assistance to the nation's disabled servicemembers when they return from the global war on terror," he said.

For now, the program is provided only to wounded servicemembers treated at Walter Reed

Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

"Initially, we're focusing on Walter Reed and Bethesda and have permanent, full-time out-stationed disabled veteran representatives on site, making person-to-person contact with those individuals."

The counselors then will follow up to make sure the jobs meet the troops' expectations and they are well equipped to do the job, he said.

Requests to interview patients were not granted.

Eventually, the program aims to expand other military treatment facilities treating troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. While Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany is a possibility, it is unlikely because wounded troops quickly transfer from there to stateside hospitals.

Counselors also will backtrack through hospital patient records to contact discharged troops and determine if they might be in need of the job services.

The program officially kicked off Monday, but has actually been

operational for approximately 30 days, with one counselor posted at both Walter Reed and Bethesda, Ciccollella said.

The program mirrors, to an extent, services offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA's program differs in that it's applicable to troops who suffer from a 20 percent disability rating or higher, said Judy Caden, director of Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service at Veterans Affairs.

The VA's program for disabled troops offers skills training from the basics of resume, interviewing skills, job market opportunities to individualized assessments addressing their specific disabilities and arranging accommodations, "tools they need to perform job," Caden said.

There are currently about 95,000 veterans in the overall program at various stages, she said, from those just applying to those who found jobs.

The Labor Department budgeted \$500,000 to pay for the counselors, equipment, Internet services and to create a national assistance center of counselors and services targeted at wounded troops slated to come online by the spring, said Daniel Nichols, special assistant for strategic communications at Veterans Employment and Training.

General information on employment services for all Americans is available by calling 877-US24JOBS (877-872-5627) or on the Internet at www.jan.vvu.edu.

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Army cuts could force it to ignore environment laws

By JOHN HEILPRIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army's largest major command is cautioning the Pentagon that its spending cuts could make it unable to comply with some environmental laws, putting the military at risk of having training sites shut down by activists' lawsuits.

The Army Forces Command "is concerned that funding for the sustained management of the training lands ... dwindles dramatically."

The next several years, Maj. Gen. Larry D. Gottardi, a deputy chief of staff for the Forces Command, based at Fort McPherson, Ga., wrote in a Sept. 24 letter.

A spokesman for Gottardi, Barry Morris, said it's up to the military training ranges and bases to manage their natural resources.

"How worried are we? I would say we're always concerned that something will impact on our training. That's why we closely monitor environmental laws and impacts," Morris said Tuesday.

In the letter, Gottardi tells his Pentagon bosses that "regrettably" most Army projects to sustain the ecological health of its training ranges "were considered optional" and, therefore, will not be funded.

Forces Command is responsible for ensuring that Army combat forces are trained, supplied and mobilized in ways to satisfy commanders' personnel requirements at home and abroad.

Gottardi did not specify how much of the Army's environmental budget was being cut. Pentagon officials have estimated they spend \$4 billion a year on environmental programs.

The general said that although Forces Command no longer can view the individual budget items, it has learned that even money for planning would be cut by a third, from more than \$60 million to \$40 million.

"The policy change also places the training mission in potential jeopardy by providing a sound legal basis for private

parties or conservation activists to obtain court-ordered injunctions and effectively shut down all training operations," Gottardi wrote.

That management is watched closely by environmentalists.

"These are some of the most important wildlife habitats in the world," said Jeff Ruch, executive director of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, a whistle-blower group that obtained Gottardi's letter. "In many cases, these lands have never been used commercially or recreationally."

In the last two years, Congress has approved several exemptions from environmental laws requested by the Pentagon. They include lowering the threshold for what is considered harassment of a marine mammal and fewer requirements for setting aside areas to help the recovery of species of plants and animals in danger of vanishing.

It remains unclear just what Congress requires the Pentagon to do to avoid having to set aside as much habitat for species, Gottardi wrote.

In May, the head of the Army's Installation Management Agency ordered garrison commanders worldwide to take more risks with environmental programs, cancel environmental contracts and delay all but the most essential enforcement actions until the next fiscal year in October.

Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland, who retired in August after serving as the agency's first director since its creation in 2002, had said the reductions in contracts and environmental programs were needed to help pay for the war effort. Within hours of an AP report on the order, however, Army officials reversed it.

They said all the environmental programs, summer hires and force protection work continue, but other hiring would be frozen.

Spending on travel and conferences would be cut to help cover expenses for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army said.

Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders visit troops in Sigonella



STEPHEN P. WEAVER/Courtesy of U.S. Navy

Cheerleaders for the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs pose Monday for a photo with Marine Cpl. Andy Almaguer of the Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron while Cpl. Daniel Farthing of the same unit snaps a photo. The cheerleaders toured Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, visited sailors and put on a two-hour variety show during their final stop on a weeklong Armed Forces Entertainment tour of bases in Italy. The Marines, who are not based at Sigonella, were lucky to be passing through the base at the right time.

Draft bill voted down but rumors still lingering

BY DEVLIN BARRETT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The specter of a new military draft is being dismissed as "the hoax of the year," but Republicans are still doing everything they can to kill the rumor that has spread like wildfire among young voters and worried parents.

Both parties accused the other of shameful political gamesmanship in a House vote Tuesday that saw Democrats and Republicans line up against a bill that would have paved the way for another draft.

The 402-2 vote, on a bill sponsored by a Democrat, was called by House Republicans hoping the bill will quash the persistent rumors which have seeped into the presidential campaign.

The concerns were fueled in part by an e-mail driven rumor mill and a public awareness program run by Rock the Vote, a nonpartisan group that seeks to boost voting among young people.

Republicans blamed Democrats for the rumors and charged they want to scare young voters and their parents into voting against President Bush.

"This campaign is a baseless,

malevolent concoction of the Democratic Party and everyone in this chamber knows it," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Democrats denied it, arguing the current situation in Iraq is reason enough to worry about the possibility of a draft.

"We're not trying to scare kids; this president's foreign policy is what's scaring the kids of this country," said Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio.

Even the lawmaker who originally offered the bill, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., urged Democrats to vote against it, claiming Republicans were cynically trying to use the measure to escape election-season questions about the war.

Just two lawmakers, Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., and Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., struck off on their own and voted for the measure.

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., said the lopsided vote was necessary "to expose this hoax of the year which has been needlessly scaring millions of young people."

Much of the Internet gossip circling the World Wide Web has suggested that Republicans, including the president, have a plan to surreptitiously bring back the draft if Bush wins a second term.

Democrats say draft worries are spurring voter registration on

college campuses and among people in their 20s in urban areas.

"Everywhere they go on the Internet, all they see is the draft, the draft, the draft," said Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., "The Rock the Vote effort among kids in this country is a fire and they [Republicans] know it."

The Bush administration has strongly denied any plan to reinstate the draft, but the denials have not killed the rumor.

Speaking to Iowa voters Monday, Bush said, "We will not have a draft so long as I am president of the United States."

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has suggested the draft could be reinstated if voters re-elect Bush.

Campaigning in Iowa on Tuesday, Kerry told reporters, "I've never said they're going to have a draft. I've said I don't know what they're going to do. I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to pursue a policy that guarantees we don't have to have a draft."

Rock the Vote said it is raising the draft issue because the presidential candidates haven't addressed it.

"This is not an Internet rumor," said Rock the Vote spokesman Jay Strell. "Young people in America deserve an honest and open debate about the possibility of a draft. Neither side has offered up what they're going to do to meet the current and future military needs."

Germans seek info on abuse suspect

BY JON R. ANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — German authorities in the Heidelberg area are seeking anyone who may have had contact with an elderly German man who called himself "Uncle Hans."

The 79-year-old man, who looks more like he's in his 60s, is now in custody under suspicion of molesting at least one 5-year-old girl, according to Harald Krüzer, a spokesman for the German police.

"We think there are more victims out there," said Krüzer, "and witnesses have told us that he was in contact with several American families." German law prohibits authorities from releasing the suspect's name.

Krüzer said the man endeavored himself to families, earning him trust "step-by-step" over time by offering candy, toys and clothing

to children and helping their parents with car repairs and eventually child-care services.

Although Army officials say there is no indication at this point that American children were molested, they urge anyone with information or questions to come forward.

"It can't be ruled out that he did harm playing the same old tricks on American families," said Army spokeswoman Christine Gephard. "Parents may not even be aware that it was going on, so we want to warn Americans who may have had contact with this guy."

Anyone with pertinent information is requested to contact Army investigators at DSN 383-3603 or 385-3606, or a civilian at 731-6603 or 0621-3606. They may also call German authorities.

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Financial abuses bill

WASHINGTON — Military personnel, some bound for Iraq and other war zones, would be protected from salesmen selling overpriced insurance and mutual fund plans under legislation approved by the House on Tuesday.

The legislation, passed 396-2, would ban sales on military installations of a type of mutual fund, often promoted by retired military officers, with commissions that take 50 percent of the investor's contributions in the first year. The two "no" votes were by

Republican Reps. Ron Paul of Texas and Jeff Flake of Arizona.

Those plans, called contractual plan mutual funds, all but disappeared from civilian markets in the 1970s and now are sold almost exclusively to military personnel.

They are widely discredited in the financial industry, said Rep. Raum Emanuel, D-Ill., "Why would we allow them to be sold and market them to our troops?" he asked.

Rep. Max Baucus, R-Ga., the legislation's sponsor, said recruits are being approached during boot camp, and junior enlisted are enticed with free meals, by people "using dubious sales practices to collect exorbitant fees."

Welcome home events

The Armed Forces Network will broadcast Thursday's welcome home ceremony for the 1st Armored Division and an evening concert on AFN-Atlantic TV and Power Network Radio.

The welcome home festivities will air 3-4 p.m. Central European Time. The concert with popular music group Sawyer Brown will air 7-8:30 p.m.

Amphibious exercise

Nearly 350 U.S. sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS The Sullivans are participating in a multinational amphibious exercise in the Adriatic Sea through Oct. 15.

Forces from Albania, Croatia and Macedonia are also taking part. The exercise, which started Sunday, includes an amphibious landing in Croatia, maritime interception operations, surface gun exercises, helicopter operations and search-and-rescue drills.

According to a U.S. 6th Fleet news release, this is one of the first occasions for the Adriatic sea nations to work together in preparation for their combined bid for NATO membership.

The Sullivans is based in Mayport, Fla.

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Report: No WMDs made in Iraq since '91

Inspector says Saddam had the ambition, but not the resources, to pursue them

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Contradicting the main argument for a war that has cost more than 1,000 American lives, the top U.S. arms inspector reported Wednesday that he found no evidence that Iraq produced any weapons of mass destruction after 1991. The report also says Saddam Hussein's weapons capability weakened during a dozen years of U.S. sanctions before the U.S. invasion last year.

Contrary to prewar statements by President Bush and top administration officials, Saddam did not have chemical and biological stockpiles when the war began and his nuclear capabilities were

deteriorating, not advancing, according to the report by Charles Duelfer, head of the Iraq Survey Group.

Duelfer's findings came less than four weeks before an election in which Bush's handling of Iraq has become the central issue.

Democratic candidate John Kerry has seized on comments this week by the former U.S. administrator in Iraq, Paul Bremer, that the United States didn't have enough troops in Iraq to prevent a breakdown in security after Saddam was toppled.

The inspector's report could boost Kerry's contention that Bush rushed to war based on faulty intelligence and that sanctions and U.N. weapons inspec-

tions should have been given more time.

But Duelfer also supports Bush's argument that Saddam remained a threat. Interviews with the toppled leader and other former Iraqi officials made clear to inspectors that Saddam had not lost his ambition to pursue weapons of mass destruction and hoped to revive his weapons program if sanctions were lifted, the report said.

On Wednesday, Bush cited Saddam's "history of using weapons of mass destruction, a long record of aggression and hatred for America" in calling the invasion the right thing to do.

"There was a risk, a real risk, that Saddam Hussein would pass weapons or materials or informa-

tion to terrorist networks," Bush said in a campaign speech in Wilkes Barre, Pa. "In the week after Sept. 11, that was a risk we could not afford to take."

Duelfer presented his findings in a report of more than 1,000 pages, and in appearances before Senate committees.

The report avoids direct comparisons with prewar claims by the Bush administration on Iraq's weapons systems. But Duelfer largely reinforces the conclusions of his predecessor, David Kay, who said in January, "We were almost all wrong" on Saddam's weapons programs. The White House did not endorse Kay's find-

ings then, noting that Duelfer's team was continuing to search for weapons.

Duelfer found that Saddam, hoping to end U.N. sanctions, gradually began ending prohibited weapons programs starting in 1991. But as Iraq started receiving money through the U.N. oil-for-food program in the late 1990s, and as enforcement of the sanctions weakened, Saddam was able to take steps to rebuild his military, such as acquiring parts for missile systems.

However, the erosion of sanctions stopped after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Duelfer found, preventing Saddam from pursuing weapons of mass destruction.

Suicide bomb targets Iraqis

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber plowed into an Iraqi military checkpoint northwest of Baghdad on Wednesday, killing at least 12 Iraqis and wounding about 25, as U.S. and Iraqi forces sealed off roads south of the capital in a campaign to curb the insurgency before January's national elections.

There are signs, meanwhile, that talks may produce a cease-fire agreement with a Shiite militia headed by radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. A negotiator also reported progress in talks to end the military standoff in Fallujah — the country's toughest insurgent stronghold and suspected base of Iraq's most feared terrorist group.

The car bomb attack occurred about 11:15 a.m. at an Iraqi National Guard encampment near Anah, 160 miles northwest of Baghdad on the main highway to Syria. According to the U.S. military, the encampment came under fire and a few minutes later, a vehicle sped to a nearby National Guard checkpoint and exploded.

U.S. officials said no Americans were killed or injured but had no report of Iraqi casualties. Dr. Waleed Jawad Qamar of the Anah health clinic said 12 people were killed and 25 seriously injured — most believed to be Iraqi military personnel or recruits. He said some of the injured were not expected to survive. U.S. officials said no Americans were killed or injured.

Car bombs — some piloted by suicide drivers and others detonated remotely — have become an increasing threat to multinational and Iraqi forces because insurgents find them safer than other forms of attack that can draw devastating American return fire. During the month of September, 29 Iraqi and multinational troops were killed by car bombs, according to the U.S. command which did not break down the figure by nationality.



Kareem al-Bakhatti, a tribal elder who has been trying to negotiate a peace deal with the Iraqi government and armed supporters of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, said Wednesday a deal was near that called for al-Sadr's militiamen to turn in their weapons in exchange for cash payments and immunity from prosecution for most of them.

U.S. and Iraqi forces are trying to restore enough control of this turbulent country so that national elections can be held in January. President Bush and Prime Minister Ayad Allawi have insisted that the elections — considered a key step toward building Iraqi democracy — must take place throughout the country, despite warnings by some U.S. military officials that balloting may not be possible in certain areas.

As part of a stepped-up counter-insurgency campaign, more than 3,000 U.S. and Iraqi forces launched a major operation Tuesday to retake control of insurgent-held parts of Babil province. The operation in Babil — notorious for kidnappings and ambushes and home to ancient Babylon — followed last week's ouster of insurgent forces from Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

On Wednesday, American troops and Iraqi National Guardsmen sealed off the roads leading

to Qasir town in the Yousfiyiah area, about 12 miles south of Baghdad. Residents said two explosions — a car bomb and a roadside bomb — hit two bridges in the area Wednesday, in an apparent attempt by insurgents to block the movement of Iraqi and U.S. forces.

Residents of the area were divided over whether the U.S.-led operation was justified.

"The Americans want to stop the resistance, which they call terrorism, and this is wrong," Mohammed Fadhi, 20, of Yousfiyiah said.

"In fact, it is legitimate reaction to the occupation."

But others felt the raids were needed to restore order in the region. "I support the military operation. We should get rid of the armed groups in our area because their [the insurgents'] only goal is to kill more Iraqis and to ignite civil war," said Mohammed Hussein, 29, a farmer.

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Iraq markets sell videos of beheadings

BY WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — Vendors in Baghdad's seedy markets brzen sell copies of foreigner beheadings at the hands of insurgents. In the Bab Al Sharji market, merchants sell the footage for about 50 cents a disc. The videos — titled things like "Execution of Berg" or "Execution of Egyptian spy in Fallujah" — sell alongside pornography and even CD-ROM copies of the Quran.

"I assure you the good quality of the picture," one merchant kept repeating.

When asked where he gets the videos, he said the operation has several levels. Someone downloads clips from the Internet, someone else manufactures the discs and someone else distributes them to sellers.

The only reserve the merchant showed was a refusal to play the beheadings on his demonstration machine. He openly played pornography.

U.S. Air Force Maj. Denise Var-

Some vendors openly display 'good quality' execution tapes

ner, a spokeswoman for multinational military forces, blinked with disgust when told of the beheading clip trade. She was unsure how laws in the new Iraq applied to the sale of footage that, while clearly not copyrighted, amounts to snuff flicks.

"Unfortunately," she said, "there are no moral police."

Inside the fortified International Zone, formerly called the Green Zone, locals run their own U.S.-approved bazaar.

During a recent visit, no beheading videos were visible. A

sign at the entrance clearly forbids the sale of pornography and liquor.

Inside the bazaar, vendors sat and smoked behind stacks of cigarettes, pirated movies and flowing, see-through attire of the days of harems — all to the vergo of an Arab boombox soundtrack.

U.S. soldiers casually strolled through heat and din.

One military policeman, Sgt. Charles Petty, carried a fat

stack of James Bond and Jet Li flicks. Petty said he was shocked that other markets traded instead in death.

"I've never heard of it, but if I see it, I don't know what I'd do," Petty said. "I'd probably report it to my higher-ups. ..."

"It makes me feel sick to my stomach that people are buying these things. Defending yourself is one thing, but beheading someone just because your opinion is different ... " His voice trailed off.

Other soldiers were just as sickened, but unsurprised.

"They'll do anything to make it," Spc. Brad Robinson said, chalking the sales up to economic desperation.

"I don't agree with it, but people in America download that stuff all the time," agreed Sgt. Cole Hopkins. "They are so poor out there. They need jobs. They may not agree with it, but they'll do whatever they can."

A second military spokesman, Marine Maj. Jay Antonelli, said he believed the beheading videos

were banned in the zone, but heard reports that some young bands of children had tried to sell them anyway.

Save for the now-routine threat of explosive attack, the soldiers' International Zone shopping experience is relatively safe. Outside it could be suicide. Iraqis warn that Bab Al Sharji markets with gangs of pickpockets who will just as readily shove a steel shank into someone's side as say a hello.

During a recent visit to this "thieves market," vendors could be seen hawking not only macabre media, but also PlayStations, pirated movies, binoculars and knives. The binocular seller also stocked a night-vision scope for an RPG-7.

This optics specialist then tried to make a special deal — he said he had a working set of U.S. Army night vision goggles. Only \$500.

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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 1,061 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 806 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths, Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 923 U.S. military members have died — 697 as a result of hostile action and 226 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 7,730 U.S. servicemen have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ One U.S. soldier was killed Monday by an explosive near Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Sgt. Christopher S. Potts, 38, Tiverton, R.I., killed by small arms fire Sunday in Taji; assigned to the Army National Guards 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery Regiment, Providence, R.I.



82nd protects the vote

Members of Airborne Division in Afghanistan to keep insurgents from disrupting election

By TERRY BOYD
Stars and Stripes

FIREBASE ASADABAD, Afghanistan — The 82nd Airborne Division has not made it into the history books by coasting through easy missions.

In the new anti-insurgency age, look for its rapidly deployable, light infantry units in the worst parts of bad neighborhoods anywhere from Fallujah to Asadabad.

A battalion-sized force of 1,100 paratroopers, mostly from the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment is in Afghanistan to provide security for the historic national elections Oct. 9.

Between 180,000 U.S. soldiers and about 5,500 troops from other nations are in Afghanistan and will assist the United Nations to curb any violence surrounding the nation's first presidential election.

In isolated eastern Afghanistan, 15 kilometers from the Pakistan border, the mission for the 1st-505th is far more complex and subtle than keeping the bad guys from stopping the elections.

Taliban forces are so close "they can commute to work," said Jim Hunter, the State Department's representative to the Provincial Reconstruction Team at Firebase Asadabad. Enemy fighters are just north of the base, as well as to the northwest in Nuristan province, according to officials at the PRT, one of 17 military/civilian teams overseeing reconstruction.

The 82nd paratroops will provide extra guns to augment PRT security forces, U.S. Special Forces and Afghan National Army units already in the area, said Capt. Brian Feddeley, Company D commander at Firebase Asadabad. They will also help keep roads and communication lines open.

Feddeley's soldiers will form "an outer ring" of security, he said. They have to stay close enough to discourage attacks or counter them, but far enough away from polling stations to make sure locals understand the Army is playing no direct role in the elections, which are under the auspices of the United Nations.

Until election day and for a few weeks after, Feddeley's force of infantrymen, mortarmen, engineers and scout snipers will patrol some of the most dramatic terrain in Afghanistan, with lush Kunar River valleys meandering through mountains that peak at 10,000 feet. Humvees surf the pot-holes and ruts of one-lane gravel paths looking for roadside bombs as well as enticing insurgents into a fight or running off the ones with less heart.

"Simply put, we're the 82nd Airborne. By virtue of this fact alone ... any adversary is forced to sincerely contemplate the consequences of his actions," said Sgt. 1st Class Benny Dobbs, Company D's first sergeant.

Having toured both Iraq and Afghanistan in the past two years, 1,505 soldiers and officers have

experience in both ongoing fights. Staff Sgt. Carl Webb, a truck commander in Company D, and at least three other 1-505 soldiers were at this very base, dubbed "A-bad," in late 2002.

Webb noted the improved living conditions, adding, "No more T-rats!"

Violence in the area seems about the same as last time, with only two attacks during his first stay, Webb said. The firebase has had no attacks in the two weeks since the troops returned. A nearby village was hit with four rockets in September, according to news releases from U.S. headquarters in Kabul.

Though there are occasional firefights between insurgents and Afghan forces, most of the sounds of war are either A-bad howitzers firing harassing rounds onto the surrounding mountain ridges, or Green Berets teaching Afghan forces to fire recoilless rifles or other weapons.

On the cusp of the elections, Afghanistan is much quieter than Iraq, said 82nd soldiers and officers.

The overall U.S. mission — nation-building and reconstruction — may be the same in Iraq, "but there were a lot more anti-coalition forces [in Iraq], and they were a lot more organized," said 1st Lt. Eric Slater, Feddeley's executive officer.

"I'm not saying [the insurgents] are not out there," said Slater, "but they're not as active."

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Sgt. Elizar Russell heads up a line of soldiers searching the mountains for attackers as Humvees from the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment's Company B try to turn around, stopping three kilometers short of the Pakistan border.



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A local boy bicycling home from English lessons rides past 82nd soldiers securing a bridge near Asadabad Firebase. Locals greet the soldiers with everything from smiles and waves to hostile stares. However, even in this Taliban stronghold, there are few attacks against reconstruction teams.

Bremer retailers Iraq remarks

EAST LANSING, Mich. — A day after suggesting that the United States didn't initially send enough troops to Iraq to stem lawlessness, the former top U.S. administrator in Iraq softened his assessment, saying he only recognized the problem with the benefit of hindsight and insisted there are enough soldiers on the ground now.

"One way to have stopped the looting would have been to have more troops on the ground," L. Paul Bremer told an audience of more than 400 people Tuesday at Michigan State's Wharton Center.

"That's a retrospective wisdom of mine, looking backward. I think there are enough troops there

now for the job we are doing."

"We certainly had enough [troops] going into Iraq, because we won the war in a very short time," he said. "The point that I have been making, and that has gotten a little bit distorted in the press recently, is that, as I look back now, I believe it would have been better to stop the looting that was found right after the war."

Bremer, whom President Bush appointed as head of the Iraq occupation, had said Monday that the United States failed to stop widespread looting after toppling the Iraqi leader and "paid a big price for not stopping it because it established an atmosphere of lawlessness."

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Vilseck friends mourn fallen medic

BY STEVE LIEWER
Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Tyler Prewitt carried a medical bag into combat, but he had the heart of an infantry grunt.

"He was known throughout our sector as the only medic with a sniper scope on his rifle," said Capt. Arron Lummer, rear detachment commander of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, Prewitt's unit. "His chain of command consistently had to remind Tyler that a medic's job is to treat people — not shoot people."

Prewitt's friends and fellow soldiers gathered Tuesday at the Rose Barracks chapel in Vilseck, Germany, to remember the 22-year-old field medic. He died Sept. 28, four days after a rocket-propelled grenade hit his vehicle near Baguiba, Iraq.

Born in Wyoming, Prewitt grew up in Phoenix. After graduating from Greenway High School, he played baseball at Phoenix College. An outstanding athlete, he often competed with his brother, Chad, a standout basketball player at Arizona State who now plays professionally in the Continental Basketball Association.

Like Pat Tillman, the late Arizona Cardinals star who ended his football career to join the Army after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Prewitt quit baseball and



KATHY JORDAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

A rifle squad from the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment fires a salute Tuesday at memorial services for Sgt. Tyler Prewitt, 22, who died Sept. 28 of injuries suffered last week in Iraq.

colleagues to enlist after 9/11.

Colorblindness stopped him from becoming an infantryman as he had hoped. Instead, Prewitt became a combat medic, earning both the Expert Field Medical Badge and the Combat Field Medical Badge. He served in Kosovo during 2003 with the 2-2 Infantry, then deployed with the unit to Iraq last February.

There, Prewitt served on the scout platoon. His vehicle was on a damage assessment in Baguiba when insurgents ambushed it. Even after the attack that blew off one of his feet, Lummer said, Prewitt calmly instructed others how to treat his wounds before he lost consciousness minutes later.

"Sgt. Prewitt was a leader among men," Lummer said in his eulogy Tuesday, "not because of

the rank on his collar, but because of the caliber of his character and the fire and passion in his heart."

Prewitt was evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, where his family gathered around his bedside hoping for his recovery. However, he died of complications from the wound, Lummer said, and Prewitt's organs were donated to seven other people — including a dying man in Munich who received his heart.

"Even in the afterlife, this medic continues to save lives," Lummer said.

In addition to his brother Chad, Prewitt is survived by his parents, Tim and Johanne Prewitt, and his brother Richie.

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A Würzburg soldier salutes the helmet, rifle, boots and portrait of Staff Sgt. Mike Dennie, 31, of the 106th Finance Battalion. Dennie died Sept. 29 of injuries suffered in a truck accident in Iraq a week earlier. More than 150 people gathered at the Leighton Barracks chapel in Würzburg, Germany, on Wednesday to mourn him.

NCO remembered by Würzburg pals

BY STEVE LIEWER
Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — As they wept over his death, few mourners at his memorial service could remember when Staff Sgt. Mike Dennie was not smiling.

"Staff Sgt. Dennie lived deeply," recalled his friend Staff Sgt. Tanya Harris in her eulogy. "Not a day went by where he was sad or upset for more than five minutes. Even if he was, he'd soon be flashing those pearly whites again."

Dennie, 31, of the Würzburg-based 106th Finance Battalion died Sept. 29 in Balad, Iraq, of injuries he suffered a week earlier when the military vehicle in which he was riding rolled over.

Dennie was born in Surrey, Jamaica. He joined the U.S. Army in 1996 and served until 2001, then rejoined in March 2002 after a short break in service.

Since joining the 106th Finance Battalion, he served as noncommissioned officer-in-charge of in-and-out-processing, customer service, communications, forward support team, as well as being a squad leader.

He had been his unit's NCO of the month and quarter and had been NCO of the year for its parent command, the Heidelberg-based 266th Finance Command.

"He was the PT stud, the tactical guru, the NCO who pushed his soldiers beyond their capabilities," said Capt. Felicia Floyd, his company commander.

Dennie deployed with the 106th Finance to Iraq in Febru-

ary in support of the 1st Infantry Division. He helped get pay and petty cash to 13,000 troops at eight forward operating bases — a dangerous assignment, given the nature of the Iraq war, said Lt. Col. Thomas "Pat" Riley, the battalion commander.

"The mission involved traveling through IED-infested roads," Riley said.

Dennie's fatal accident took place as he returned to headquarters from a pay mission.

Friends remembered him smiling, laughing, joking all the time.

A Christian, he used to memorize lengthy passages from the Bible.

Until recently, he had formed an inseparable trio with two other soldiers: Sgt. Stephanie Bass and Crystal Bruno, who left the Army in August. Jointly they wrote a tribute that Harris read at the service.

"We'll always remember your sayings and funny comments — especially the ones that made no sense at all," they wrote. "It's hard to believe that our trio is now down to two."

Dennie, of Fayetteville, N.C., is survived by his wife, Beverly; his daughter, Imani; and his mother, Abigail.

He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star.

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IN THE WORLD

EU office endorses Turkey membership talks

BY CONSTANT BRAND
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union's head office on Wednesday recommended the start of EU membership talks for Turkey but set stiff conditions to prevent it from backtracking on sweeping democratic and human rights reforms.

The recommendation was a key success for Turkey after years of lobbying, trying to overcome concerns among many Europeans about letting in a largely Muslim nation with a weak economy and a questionable rights record.

And while Turkey's foot is now in the door of the European club, it faces years more work, under the threat that membership talks could halt if reforms aren't upheld. If membership talks start early next year, as Ankara hopes, Turkey would not actually join the union until around 2015.

"It is a qualified yes," European Commission President Romano Prodi, speaking to European parliament leaders, said of the commission recommendation.

The decision was reached by a "large consensus" among commissioners, one EU official said, but no vote was taken and no time-frame was given for starting or ending negotiations.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, speaking in Stras-

bourg, France, said he hoped talks could begin in the first part of 2005.

"Turkish membership will not be achieved overnight," Erdogan said at a meeting of the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe, a human rights organization that is separate from the EU.

But Ankara anticipates "concluding this phase within a reasonable period of time," he added.

Erdogan said the reforms his government has implemented — including the abolition of the death penalty, dissolution of state security courts and adoption of a "zero-tolerance policy" toward torture — showed his country's commitment to European values of democracy and the rule of law.

The 25 leaders of the EU must approve the executive Commission's recommendation at a December summit.

The recommendation said that improvements Turkey must make include freedom of the press, prison reform, treatment of non-Muslim minorities and Kurds, and curbing the influence of the military, which has repeatedly seized power in the last five decades.

The opening of membership talks would be warmly welcomed in Washington, which has for years pushed the EU to absorb Turkey, a loyal NATO ally that lies on the doorstep of the Middle East.



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, seen in this Sept. 24 photo, said Tuesday that the EU must not waver in its membership negotiations with his country. He also criticized French President Jacques Chirac for actions that didn't endorse Turkey's membership.

AP

Turkish president: EU can't backtrack on promise of membership negotiations

The Associated Press

STRASBOURG, France — Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday that — short of a revolution in his country — the European Union must not backtrack from its recommendation to begin membership negotiations with Ankara.

He also harshly criticized French President Jacques Chirac for seeking a referendum on Turkish EU membership.

Erdogan insisted Turkey will accept no special conditions on talks, and that suspending progress

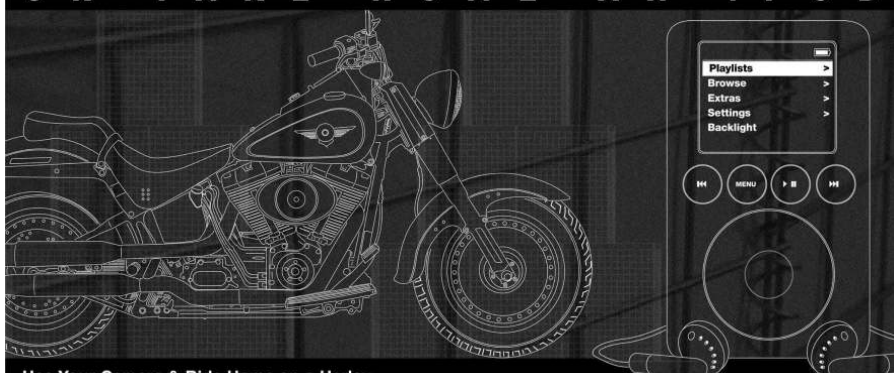
toward negotiations "will show disrespect to a country which has accelerated" economic and political reforms in recent years.

"The EU will enter into a collision with its own values" if it stops talks with a "country that is a functioning democracy."

Erdogan took issue with European Commission President Romano Prodi, who said the recommendation to begin entry talks with Turkey came with some provisos, including the possibility of a suspension of negotiations if Ankara abandons its reform process.

"There is no conditional yes," Erdogan said.

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Nobel in chemistry goes to 3 for '70s work

BY MATT MOORE

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Israelis Aaron Ciechanover and Avram Hershko and American Irwin Rose won the 2004 Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for discovering a key way cells destroy unwanted proteins — starting with a chemical “kiss of death.”

Their work provides the basis for developing new therapies for diseases such as cervical cancer and cystic fibrosis.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences honored Ciechanover, 57, Hershko, 67, and Rose, 78, for work they did in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Each human cell contains about 100,000 different proteins, but backs that carry out

jobs like speeding up chemical reactions and acting as signals. At least five Nobel prizes have been given for research into how cells control the creation of proteins, but the question of how they destroy proteins has received much less attention, the assembly said.

The three scientists uncovered a process that starts when a doomed protein is grabbed by a particular molecule, marking it for destruction. Such marked proteins are then chopped to pieces.

The process governs such key processes as cell division, DNA repair and quality control of newly produced proteins, as well as important parts of the body's immune defenses against disease, the academy said in its citation.

Scientists are trying to use the process to create medicines, either to prevent the breakdown of proteins or make the cell destroy disease-causing ones.

Many other drugs that harness the protein-destroying process are in development, said Ciechanover, who is director of the Rappaport Family Institute for Research in Medical Sciences at the Technion, in Haifa, Israel. Hershko, originally from Hungary, is a professor there.

Rose is a professor emeritus at the University of California, Irvine.

It's the first time an Israeli has won a Nobel science prize.

This year's award announcements began Monday with the Nobel Prize in medicine going to Americans Richard Axel and Linda B. Buck. Axel and Buck were selected by a

committee at Stockholm's Karolinska Institutet for their work on the sense of smell.

On Tuesday, Americans David J. Gross, H. David Politzer and Frank Wilczek won the physics prize for their explanation of the force that binds particles inside the atomic nucleus. Their work has helped science get closer to “a theory for everything,” the academy said in awarding the prize.

The winner of the literature prize will be announced Thursday. The Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel will be announced Oct. 11.

The winner of the coveted peace prize — the only one not awarded in Sweden — will be announced Friday in Oslo, Norway.

The prizes, which include a \$1.3 million check, a gold medal and a diploma, are presented on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death in 1896.

U.S. starts on new embassy in Berlin

Ground finally broken after years of delays

The Associated Press

BERLIN — The United States launched construction of its new embassy in Berlin on Wednesday, restoring America's presence at the historic site next to the Brandenburg Gate after decades of Cold War division and years of delays to meet anti-terror standards.

U.S. Ambassador Dan Coats was joined by German Interior Minister Otto Schily and Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit as he broke ground for the sleek new building in the capital's busy center. It is scheduled for completion in November 2007 — 15 years after Washington first announced plans for the new embassy.

“The decision of the United States to return to this historic site symbolizes America's support for a united Germany,” Coats said.

“The period between 1930, when the U.S. government purchased the property, and today

mirrors a lifetime — lifetimes that have seen 12 years of dictatorial rule in Germany, four decades of a threatening and bitter East-West separation, and 15 years of the challenges of the post-Cold War period.”

U.S. diplomats moved into the original building at the site in April 1939, but left when the United States declared war on the Third Reich in 1941.

Heavily damaged in World War II, the embassy was razed by East Germany in the 1950s. After the Berlin Wall was built in 1961, the site became part of the no man's land between East and West Berlin.

The U.S. government announced plans to return to the site in 1992, but the building was redesigned to include new security features after the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa and sometimes test talks with officials about shifting streets.



From left, State Secretary of the German Foreign Office Klaus Scharioth, German Minister of the Interior Otto Schily, Ambassador of the United States in Germany Dan Coats, director of overseas building operations for the U.S. Department of State Charles Williams and the Governing Mayor of Berlin Klaus Wowereit get ready to break ground for the new U.S. Embassy in Berlin on Wednesday.

Spain drops plan for U.S. forces to march in Columbus parade

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — In another dig at the United States, the Socialist government has dropped plans for U.S. Marines to march in a high-profile parade commemorating Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World.

U.S. Marines have taken part since 2001 in the procession marking the 78th day of the Hispanidad,

which is celebrated each year on Oct. 12.

The Spanish invitation was first issued when fervently pro-U.S. conservatives ruled in Spain and was meant to show solidarity with the United States after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

But the new Socialist government, which withdrew Spain's troops from Iraq right after taking power in April and realigned

the country's foreign policy away from its predecessor's focus on ties with Washington, has ended the tradition.

Defense Minister Jose Bono said Tuesday evening there was still friendship and respect between Madrid and Washington.

“What does not continue is our dedication and getting down on our knees on orders from a foreign government, whichever it may be,” Bono said.

Instead, French troops have been invited to march in the parade as part of celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Paris from Nazi occupation.

A U.S. Embassy official declined to criticize the Spanish decision, saying simply that the Americans were honored to have taken part in the parade in recent years.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero raised eyebrows in Washington last month with remarks suggesting that other countries with troops in Iraq should follow Spain's lead and bring them home.

In last year's version of the parade, then-opposition leader Zapatero declined to join other Spanish officials in standing up when U.S. troops marched past the VIP stand.

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IN THE STATES

Flu shot supply cut short; rationing urged

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A top federal health official, lamenting "a very fragile vaccine production system," urged healthy people Wednesday to defer getting their influenza shots so medication will be available for those most at risk.

"We really need a long-term solution so we don't end up in this year-to-year situation where we don't have a reliable supply," Dr. Julie Gerberding said, after the supply of vaccine to the United States was abruptly cut in half.

Gerberding, head of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, and other government officials appealed for voluntary rationing in the wake of a major supply interruption.

British regulators unexpectedly shut down a major flu-shot supplier Tuesday, citing manufacturing problems at the Chiron Corp. factory in England, where roughly 46 million doses destined for the United States had been made.

That means only about 54 million flu shots will be available this year from a competing firm, and the U.S. government decided quickly that most healthy adults should delay or skip them to leave enough vaccine for the elderly and other high-risk patients.

Officials advised the vaccine should be reserved for babies and toddlers ages 6-23 months; people 65 or older; anyone with a chronic condition such as heart or lung disease; pregnant women; nursing home residents; children on aspirin therapy; health care workers who care for high-risk groups; and anyone who cares for or lives with babies younger than 6 months.

For everyone else, "Take a deep breath. This is not an emergency," Gerberding said Tuesday. "We don't want people to rush out and look for a vaccine today."

The government has urged voluntary rationing before, during a shortage in 2000. This year, however, will mark a record shortage just before flu season begins.

"We will need the help of the public," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

Gerberding, appearing Wednesday on CBS News' "The Early Show," said that if officials "prioritize" the disbursement of available flu vaccine, "we will make it possible for people to get vaccine if they really need it."

Chiron's problem began in August, when it discovered contamination in a small amount of vaccine that delayed its U.S. shipments. Still, top U.S. health officials assured the public less than two weeks ago that close monitoring showed the rest of Chiron's supply was fine, and plenty of vaccine would be available.

On Tuesday, British regulators disagreed and suspended Chiron's license for three months, officially prohibiting export of the Fluvirin brand that Chiron manufactures in Liverpool. The sanc-

tion means more than a delay, Chiron officials said. The company will ship no Fluvirin anywhere this year.

The move took U.S. regulators by surprise. Food and Drug Administration officials headed to Britain on Tuesday night to investigate but wouldn't say if they would ask British regulators for a

special release of shots for use here if the flu season proves a bad one.

Thompson asked the maker of the remaining 54 million flu shots to try to make more. Aventis Pasteur plans to try, but can't increase production until it meets existing orders in November.

High-risk patients depend on

flu shots because the injections are made of killed influenza virus. Other people have another option: About 1 million doses of an inhaled flu vaccine, MedImmune Inc.'s FluMist, will be available for healthy 5- to 49-year-olds. It's made from live but weakened influenza virus.

A flu treatment called Tamiflu

also can protect against infection if swallowed daily during an outbreak. Manufacturer Roche Pharmaceuticals said Tuesday it would step up production in anticipation of greater demand this winter.

Flu vaccine is made using chicken eggs and takes months to brew, meaning manufacturers cannot suddenly produce more.



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Cheney, Edwards wage hard-hitting debate

The Washington Post

CLEVELAND — Iraq and terrorism dominated a hard-hitting and sometimes personal debate Tuesday night between the vice presidential nominees, with Vice President Dick Cheney accusing the Democratic ticket of lacking the judgment to lead, and Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., responding that Cheney and President Bush lack credibility.

The lines of attack were drawn in the opening moments of the nationally televised encounter at Case Western Reserve University, with Cheney asserting strongly that the decision to topple Saddam Hussein last year was justified by an "established Iraqi track record with terror."

Striking an incredulous air at Cheney's claim, Edwards responded, "Mr. Vice President, you are still not being straight with the American people."

This set the tone for the 90-minute debate, which featured equally sharp, sometimes snappish exchanges as the two men to such matters as the state of the economy, taxes, tort reform and same-sex marriage.

Cheney rapped Edwards' one term in the Senate, dismissing it as "not very distinguished" and marked by chronic absenteeism. Noting that as vice president he presides over the Senate, Cheney said acerbically to the freshman senator, "The first time I met you is when you walked on the stage tonight."

In defense, Edwards shot back, "I'm surprised to hear him talk about records," and pivoted into a discussion of conservative votes cast by Cheney as a congressman

in the 1980s. "He voted against the Department of Education. He voted against funding for Meals on Wheels for seniors. He voted against a holiday for Martin Luther King. He voted against a resolution calling for the release of Nelson Mandela in South Africa."

No matter the electoral implications, the evening lived up to its advance billing as a vivid display of two politicians with widely divergent personal styles, public records and political philosophies.

Cheney spoke without inflection, rarely flashed smiles and often looked down during his answers. Edwards struck a smiling, conversational tone, but there was nothing amiable in his case against Cheney. Repeatedly, he assailed the vice president's truthfulness and his record as chief executive of the controversially-planned Halliburton Corp.

The most personally intimate

exchange of the evening came when moderator Gwen Ifill of PBS asked Cheney, who has a gay daughter, about the administration's support of a proposed constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. As he had answered four years ago, he said that the issue should be in the hands of the states, not the federal government, but that the president sets policy for the administration.

In responding, Edwards said: "I think the vice president and his wife love their daughter. I think they love her very much. And you can't have anything but respect for the fact that they're willing to talk about the fact that they have a gay daughter, the fact that they embrace her. It's a wonderful thing."

But then his message became more pointed: "We should not use the Constitution to divide this country. ... This is using the Constitution as a political tool, and it's wrong."



Vice President Dick Cheney, left, and Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., shake hands at the conclusion of their debate Tuesday in Cleveland.

Nominees didn't let facts get in the way of claims

BY CALVIN WOODWARD

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Whether it was Vice President Dick Cheney's faux-pas about never meeting his rival or Sen. John Edwards' oversimplifications about troops in Iraq, the vice presidential debaters stretched facts even as they claimed the high ground in setting the record straight.

Technicalities were cast aside on both sides.

The vice president said Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry voted for the Iraq war, but the reality was more complex. The senator backed a resolution that al-

lowed it to happen but said he took President Bush at his word that he'd exhaust weapons inspections and build a true coalition first.

"A lot of factual inaccuracies were left standing," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

In perhaps the most awkward blooper of the evening, Cheney told Edwards to his face that they had never met before the debate.

Edwards' campaign later provided a transcript of a February 2001 prayer breakfast at which Cheney began his remarks by acknowledging the North Carolina senator.

Cheney meant to cite FactCheck.org on an

other occasion during the debate but unintentionally steered Web surfers to a site run by the anti-Bush activist billionaire, George Soros. Cheney said that "factcheck.com," when he should have used "org."

Also in the debate, Edwards said that while U.S. troops were fighting in Iraq, the Bush administration "lobbied the Congress to cut their combat pay. This is the height of hypocrisy."

It's also arguable. When the government faced prospects that increased allowances for the troops would expire as stipulated by Congress, the Pentagon said it would make up any shortfall through incentive pay or similar means.



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that our military is stretched dangerously thin. We've deployed units from the National Training Center, called back members of the Individual Ready Reserve, extended tours of duty, delayed retirements, and relied on 'stop-loss' as a kind of 'backdoor draft.'

AP

Ex-NASA staffer accused of falsifying inspections

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A former NASA inspector has been accused of lying about inspecting crucial parts on the space shuttle Discovery before and after the Columbia disaster that killed seven astronauts and grounded the entire orbiter fleet.

Billy T. Thornton falsified records about 83 Discovery inspections over nine days from Oct. 24, 2002, to May 14, 2003, according to a federal indictment unsealed Tuesday. NASA fired him in September 2003.

The former National Aeronautics and Space Administration quality-assurance specialist was responsible for checking that contractors completed work on electronics and other components considered necessary for safe flight.

On Dec. 13, 2002, Thornton was

charged with signing off on 65 inspections of Discovery's interior structure without entering the orbiter to check repairs by the civilian contractor, United Space Alliance.

Each was classified as a "criticality one" inspection. That means that the part being inspected doesn't have a backup system and could destroy the shuttle and its crew if it fails.

Thornton, 54, declined to comment Tuesday. His lawyer, Kepler Funk, denied any wrongdoing by his client.

Thornton was charged with 83 counts of fraud involving space-vehicle parts.

Each charge carries up to \$500,000 in fines and 15 years in prison. Another 83 counts charge him with filing a false statement, and each carries up to 5 years in prison.

Astrologer Joyce Jilson dies

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — As the official astrologer for 20th Century Fox Studios, Joyce Jilson consulted on the best opening days for movies, including 1977's "Star Wars" — the second-highest grossing movie of all time.

Jilson, author of a nationally syndicated astrology column who also dined the stars on behalf of the Reagan administration, died Friday at Cedars Sinai Medical Center of kidney failure, said her former husband, Joseph Gallagher. She was 58.

Her daily astrology column has appeared in nearly 200 newspapers, including Stars and Stripes.

In 1988, Jilson was linked to the Reagan White House after

former chief of staff Donald T. Regan wrote in a book that Nancy Reagan consulted astrologers.

Jilson contended she advised Reagan campaign aides to select George H.W. Bush as Reagan's running mate in 1980. Jilson also said she "spent a lot of time" at the White House after the March 1981 assassination attempt on the president.

Born and raised in Cranston, R.I., Jilson attended Brown University on an opera scholarship and later moved to New York to begin a stage career. She won an award as outstanding Broadway newcomer and then moved to Los Angeles to pursue a TV career.

Holiday Mathis, who had been Jilson's apprentice and editor since 1991, had been co-writing the astrology column the past few months. Creators Syndicate said in a statement.

Jilson and Mathis wrote in advance and the columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Starting Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be renamed "Horoscopes by Holiday," but their format will remain the same.



Jilson

Stern to leave Infinity for Sirius satellite radio

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Top-ranked shock host Howard Stern announced Wednesday morning that he will abandon his syndicated morning radio show to join Sirius satellite radio in 15 months, giving him unlimited freedom from government regulators and a coast-to-coast audience.

"I've decided what my future is," Stern told his millions of listeners in a live announcement of his five-year, multimillion dollar contract. "It's not this kind of radio any more."

Stern, who battled for years with the FCC and the religious right over his salacious show's content, will move to the national distributor of commercial-free music and sports programming when his contract with Infinity Broadcasting expires in 15 months. The deal was signed on Monday, Stern said.

"I'm tired of the censorship,"

said Stern, whose show was dropped by media conglomerate Clear Channel Communications in April after the Federal Communications Commission proposed a \$495,000 fine against it for comments made by the nation's No. 1 shock jock.



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Under the satellite deal, Stern will be heard in every market across the country and will eventually program three stations for Sirius. Stern's show corners the radio market among males 18-49 years of age and ranks No. 1 in

many of the 46 major markets where his show is broadcast.

Shares of the satellite radio company surged 18 percent on the news.

"It has been my dream to have the top-rated show in radio since I was 5 years old," Stern said in a statement. "Sirius — the future of radio — will take this dream to a whole new level as I bring my fans my show my way. It will be the best radio they will ever hear."

Sirius CEO Joseph P. Clayton called Stern "an entertainment force of unprecedented recognition and popularity in the broadcast world." Both Clayton and Stern predicted the shock jock will change the face of satellite radio and boost listenership.

A call to Infinity for comment was not immediately returned.

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Comedian Rodney Dangerfield dead at 82

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rodney Dangerfield knew "I don't get no respect" was funny when it cracked up New Yorkers, notorious for being tough. From there on out, the one-liner became his catchphrase — and the pudgy, bug-eyed comic became the perennial loser.

Dangerfield, 82, died Tuesday afternoon at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center, where he had undergone heart surgery in August, said publicist Kevin Sasaki.

After the operation, Sasaki said, the comedian suffered a small stroke and developed infections and abdominal complications. He had been in a coma but regained consciousness in the past week.

"When Rodney emerged, he kissed me, squeezed my hand and smiled for his doctors," Dangerfield's wife, Joan, said in the statement.

The comic is also survived by two children from a previous marriage.

Clad in a black suit, red tie and white shirt with a collar that seemed too tight, Dangerfield brought down the house with the likes of "When I started in show business, I played one club that was so far out my act was reviewed in Field and Stream." In a 1986 interview, he explained the origin of his "respect" trademark: "I had this joke: 'I played hide and seek; they wouldn't even look for me.' To make it work better, you look for something to put in front of it: I was so poor, I was so dumb, so this, so that, I thought,

Dangerfield's jokes live on

A sampling of comedian Rodney Dangerfield's one-liners:

■ The Oct. 5, 2004, joke of the Day on Dangerfield's Web site, www.rodneym.com: "I tell ya I get no respect from anyone. I bought a cemetery plot. The guy said, 'There goes the neighborhood!'"

■ "When I was born, I was so ugly that the doctor slapped my mother."

■ "Every time I get in an elevator, the operator says the same thing to me: 'Basement?'"

■ "When my parents got divorced, there was a custody fight over me ... and no one showed up."

■ "I never got girls when I was a kid. One girl told me, 'Come on over, there's nobody home.' I went over. There was nobody home."

■ "When we got married, the first thing my wife did was put everything under both names — hers and her mother's."

■ "With my wife, I get no respect. I fell asleep with a cigarette in my hand. She lit it."

The Associated Press

'Now what fits that joke?' Well, 'No one liked me' was all right. But then I thought, a more profound thing would be, 'I get no respect.'

He tried it at a New York club, and the joke drew a bigger response than ever. He kept the phrase in the act, and it seemed to establish a bond with his audience.

Dangerfield is most remembered for 1980's "Caddyshack," in which he held his own with such comics as Chevy Chase, Ted Knight and Bill Murray.

He would later gain more film roles and the respect of fans who howled at his jokes and fellow comedians who admired his talent.

"For a guy who got no respect, I will miss him — and he always had respect. I love him," comedian George Lopez said Tuesday in a statement.

Flowers were placed on his star at Hollywood Boulevard after word of his death, and the marquee of The Improv, a comedy club where Dangerfield often performed, read "Rest In Peace Rodney."

Comedian Adam Sandler, who starred with Dangerfield in 2000's "Little Nicky," said the affection felt for Dangerfield "when you saw him on TV or in the movies was doubled when you had the pleasure to meet him. He was a hero who lived up to the hype."

Dangerfield was born Jacob Cohen on Nov. 22, 1921, on New York's Long Island. Growing up in the borough of Queens, his mother was uncaring and his father was absent.

He ingratiated himself to his schoolmates by being funny, writing down jokes and storing them in a duffel bag. When he was 19,



AP

Comedian Rodney Dangerfield posed in July 2004 at his home in Los Angeles. Dangerfield died Tuesday at age 82. Known for the self-deprecating one-liners and his lament "I don't get no respect," he went into a coma after undergoing heart surgery in August.

he adopted the name Jack Roy and tried out the jokes at a resort in the Catskills, training ground for Danny Kaye, Jerry Lewis, Red Burton, Sid Caesar and other comedians.

He appeared on the Ed Sullivan show seven times and on

"The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson more than 70 times.

After "Caddyshack," Dangerfield continued starring in and sometimes writing films such as "Easy Money," "Back to School," "Moving," "The Scout," "Ladybugs" and "Meet Wally Sparks."

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Ballots destroyed

IL CAIRO — The clerk in Alexander County said she destroyed all of the ballots from the 2002 election shortly before she received a Freedom of Information Act request to allow examination of several hundred questionable votes.

Gloria Patton said she could not honor the Freedom of Information Act filed Sept. 7 by Scripps Howard News Service to produce 3,451 punch-card ballots cast in the Nov. 5, 2002, gubernatorial election.

The wire service is investigating ballots cast in Alexander County that did not register votes for the offices of governor, U.S. senator and Illinois attorney general.

Federal law requires every "officer of election" in the United States to retain voting records for at least 22 months. An attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, which three years ago filed a civil suit against the voting practices in Alexander County and three other state election districts, said he is concerned by Patton's admission.

Clearing inmate's name

VA RICHMOND — A federal appeals court has ordered the state police to unseal most of the documents in its investigation of the slaying that former death row inmate Earl Washington Jr. was wrongly convicted of committing.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday that 10 of the documents in the investigation file should be opened because state police "failed to present a compelling governmental interest that is sufficient to keep these documents sealed."

No gambling quarters

NV CARSON CITY — Slot machines, playing cards and even the famed Las Vegas skyline won't be on Nevada's quarter, state officials.

State Treasurer Brian Krolicki said Friday that federal officials prohibited the use of gambling images on the five themes his office submitted to the U.S. Mint for the quarter that goes into circulation in January 2006.

The Las Vegas skyline was ruled out because it would show commercial gaming businesses.

Despite the presence of legal gambling in 48 states, Krolicki said some people strongly oppose gambling and might be offended by a Nevada gambling design. Although he disagreed with the federal decision, Krolicki said none of the quarter designs for other states shows commercial enterprises.

KKK backs out of fair

MS JACKSON — A white supremacist group has canceled plans to have a booth at the Mississippi state fair after a reputed Robb Lofree listens to his wife, Cindy, on a cell phone before he poses for a face painting seminar led by librarian Rick Morse at the library in Flushing, Mich.



Nationalist Movement leader Richard Barrett's plans to be at the fair and his promotion of Edgar Ray Killen as the booth's featured attraction triggered protests earlier this week by the NAACP and local leaders. Some critics called for a boycott of the 12-day state fair, which begins Wednesday.

Mississippi State Fair Director Mike Brinkley told The Clarion Ledger that Barrett, after getting permission to have the booth, now has decided not to have one.

Recycling cell phones

CA SACRAMENTO — California has become the first state in the nation to make cellular phone stores recycle the devices for free.

Under legislation signed Thursday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, retailers must offer the service by July 1, 2006. Backers said an estimated 19 million Californians use cellular phones, which last an estimated 18 months. Fewer than 5 percent are recycled statewide, however, and millions end up yearly in landfills.

Playoff tickets returned

NJ SUMMIT — Talk about temptation: \$20,000 worth of box seat tickets for New York Yankees playoff games, just lying there on the street.

Nine youngsters who came across the tickets turned them in.

"I am absolutely amazed by their honesty," said Fran Durst, a spokeswoman for Wachovia Bank, which owned the tickets. "What a temptation, just to take these tickets and go to the game."



Ready for Halloween

Robb Lofree listens to his wife, Cindy, on a cell phone before he poses for a face painting seminar led by librarian Rick Morse at the library in Flushing, Mich.

But they did the right thing."

Only four of 70 tickets in a package worth \$20,000 that apparently fell off a delivery truck Monday are still missing, she said Friday.

Since the tickets — some worth \$2,600 each — are for bank customers, the bank will treat the boys and their parents to a New Jersey Nets game Dec. 10 in the company's luxury box, Durst said.

Also among the rewards: the Yankees gave the boys tickets to Thursday night's dramatic 6-4 win over the Minnesota Twins that captured the American League East title.

Balloon accident

TX AUSTIN — Wind gusts blew a hot air balloon off course during a weekend landing attempt, ejecting its pilot and a passenger as the craft became entangled in power lines with a second passenger.

Two of the balloon's occupants were taken to North Austin Medical Center on Sunday night with minor injuries.

About 1,500 residents lost electrical power when the balloon crashed into transmission lines about 7 p.m. Power was restored about two hours later.

Authorities said if the balloon's basket had become snagged in the power lines, the woman who remained inside probably would have flown away from a Northwest Austin athletic field, unskilled at maneuvering the craft.

"That would have been very interesting," Fire Department spokesman Palmer Buck told the Austin American-Statesman in Monday's online edition. "She was getting ready to take off."

Phone snaps suspect

TN NASHVILLE — Thanks to a quick-thinking robbery victim and his camera phone, police had a photo of his alleged assailant and tracked him down in 10 minutes, police said.

James Robert Barker was in custody on charges of aggravated robbery after allegedly holding up limousine driver Ismael Miranda early Friday at a car wash, police said.

Miranda was cleaning his limousine at the car wash when a red pickup truck pulled in and parked in a wash bay. The pickup's driver, later identified as Barker, made small talk before pulling a knife and demanding Miranda's money.

Barker chased Miranda, threw a garbage can at him and fled. But not before an alert Miranda snapped a photo of Barker and his getaway truck using a camera phone, police said.

No casino proposals

NE OMAHA — Local financial planners, accountants and insurance agents joined efforts to defeat casino gambling proposals on the November ballot. One proposal would allow two casinos in Omaha and more than 4,900 video poker and slot machines at various locations around the state. The second would allow two casinos in Nebraska, with sites to be determined later.



Over easy South Range sophmores Maria Fleming and Katie Spickler fall into the pond at Memorial Park next to their Ohio high school during the Raider Regatta. The spill happened after their boat fell apart. Tenth-graders built boats using only cardboard and duct tape and raced them during the annual regatta.



Feeling frisky A 10-day-old, 6-foot Masai giraffe trots around the outdoor exhibit area at Ellen Trout Zoo in Lufkin, Texas. The yet-to-be named female giraffe is the second giraffe born at the zoo.



Brilliant fall in New England

The early fall foliage frames the Stowe Community Church in Stowe, Vt.



Learning fire safety

During a simulation of a fire, Kaylyn Lewis, 2, and Sophie Wegner, 4, of Madison, Wis., search for pumpkins at Eplegarden in Fitchburg, Wis.



Pickin' time again

The cause of the fire was unclear and is under investigation. Iannizzotto said officials do not believe it was a suspicious fire.



Smoke and shadows

Grand Chute and Town of Menasha firefighters battle a house fire in Grand Chute, Wis. There were no injuries reported.

Missing nuclear fuel

CA EUREKA — Utility officials have yet to locate four pounds of missing radioactive nuclear fuel at a shuttered nuclear power plant, but federal regulators insisted the search continue.

"You have to exhaust all avenues to find it, and we expect you to continue searching for it," Bruce Mallet of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission told Pacific Gas & Electric Co. officials at a public meeting Wednesday.

Three pieces of a nuclear fuel rod were reported missing during a June inventory at the Humboldt Bay Power Plant, and may be among hundreds placed in a deep storage pool before the plant closed in 1976. So far, a search has yielded 40 fuel fragments that are being analyzed to see if they match the missing pieces.

Fire in Bronx kills one

NY BRONX — A house fire in the Bronx killed a 50-year-old man and injured eight others, including six firefighters, early Monday morning, officials said.

The blaze at 2819 Decatur started at about 1:37 a.m. and 60 firefighters responded to it. The victim was found dead in a bedroom of the house. He remained unidentified, said firefighter Paul Iannizzotto, a fire department spokesman. Two civilians at the home were being treated for smoke inhalation. The firefighters suffered minor injuries.

All of the injured were taken to Jacobi Medical Center.

The home is a three-story residence in the East Tremont section near Fordham University and Bronx Park.

The cause of the fire was unclear and is under investigation.

Iannizzotto said officials do not believe it was a suspicious fire.

Priest with a bite

TX RICHMOND — A minister convicted of biting a police officer during a traffic stop avoided two years in prison after a judge gave him 10 years of probation and ordered him to enroll in an anger management program.

After a Fort Bend County jury found the Rev. Curtis Lucas guilty in August of assault on a public servant, state District Judge Thomas R. Culver III sentenced Lucas to two years in prison.

But the judge also ordered that 52-year-old be brought back to court after 40 days to determine if he was eligible for a special form of probation.

State closes girls camp

FL BARTOW — The state closed Florida's only boot camp for girls after local officials said they balked at adding yoga, dance classes and other state-required activities without additional funding.

Polk County Sheriff Lawrence Crow Jr. said he was distressed by state Department of Juvenile Justice requirements to add activities such as whiffle ball and aerobics, especially since they were mandated without additional funds to pay for them.

The 20 girls interned in the nearly 10-year-old, county-run camp have been sent to other programs around the state, and the

facility will be used for the boys' boot camp program.

"The boot camp for girls was tough love," Crow told The Ledger of Lakeland. "But, apparently, tough love is out."

Fund-raiser for library

OH LITHOPOLIS — Four original Norman Rockwell paintings will be sold to raise money for an Ohio library whose finances have plummeted so abruptly that the state attorney general is investigating the case.

The foundation that operates the Wagnalls Memorial Library authorized the sale of the paintings to raise money after the library's savings diminished from \$10 million in 1980 to \$3 million this year. Questions have arisen about what happened to the money.

The foundation, which gave out 140 \$1,000 scholarships to local students last year, will hand out only two this year.

The foundation hopes the paintings will net \$1.6 million to \$1.8 million and is negotiating with a New York auction house to handle the sale, said Carl Spencer, the foundation's executive director.

Stun gun use criticized

RI PROVIDENCE — The state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union wants police to ban the use of stun guns, which the group calls unsafe and misused.

The weapons, also known as Tasers, use probes to transmit electricity to temporarily disable a threatening person by overwhelming the nervous system for a few seconds.

The ACLU says police are using Tasers on unarmed criminals or in situations where deadly force is not authorized.

Steven Brown, executive director of the group's Rhode Island chapter, said if police use Taser guns instead of handguns, that would be progressive. But, he said, they're not.

"The people who are getting stunned are not getting stunned as an alternative to deadly force," Brown said. "The Tasers are largely used simply as a way of dealing with unruly, intoxicated people who would not otherwise be on the receiving end of deadly force."

Affordable housing

HI HONOLULU — Some senior citizens may remember when rent for a new one-bedroom apartment in Waikiki was \$368 a month, or \$310 in Kihiki. A few seniors soon will have the chance to pay rents that low today.

Six developers were awarded \$4.1 million in federal and state tax credits and \$13 million in low-interest loans to provide 323 affordable housing rentals across Hawaii, including properties in the oceanside communities of Waikiki and Kihiki, state officials announced Tuesday.

Five new affordable housing units are being built in Maunaloa, Oahu and the Big Island. Another agreement keeps the Lihue Gardens Elderly Apartments on Kauai as affordable housing project for another 50 years, according to the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii.

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The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, architect Frank Gehry's titanium-clad building, first gave Bilbao, Spain, a boost when it was built in 1997. Bilbao was a center of shipbuilding, thus the museum's exterior design suggests the sea, appearing as both ship and fish.

A spark in Spain's Basque region

Old industrial town of Bilbao enjoys an infusion of life

BY DAN NEPHIN
The Associated Press

Many visitors to Spain immediately head to the cities of Madrid, Barcelona and the more Mediterranean-flavored south.

Our destination, occasioned by the wedding of a friend from the region, was Bilbao, an old industrial city given new life by the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, architect Frank Gehry's titanium-clad building, which evokes both ship and fish.

Our itinerary also included towns of the La Rioja wine region and the seaside resort of San Sebastian.

Before the wedding, we visited the

Guggenheim. The museum's collection of modern art is impressive, including works by Picasso, Miro, Lichtenstein and Jean-Michel Basquiat, plus Richard Serra's massive "Snake," a 13-foot-high, 103-foot-long set of undulating iron plates that visitors may touch as they walk through and around it.

But the most powerful piece at this museum is the building itself.

It opened in 1997 and has been credited with revitalizing this old steel and ship-building city, which, fittingly, is a "sister city" to Pittsburgh.

We drove to Guernica, the village that the late Fascist dictator Francisco Franco allowed the Nazis to use for bombing practice by Hitler's Condor Legion in 1937. Pablo Picasso's

world-famous painting of the horror—considered by some to be his greatest work—is in Madrid at the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, though many Basques would like to see it housed in the Guggenheim.

The town has been largely rebuilt, but a solemn history lesson is part of any visit. More than 1,600 people were killed during the three-hour raid on a market day that destroyed much of the city. Somehow, a symbolic oak tree survived.

Since the Middle Ages, Basques had met here under an oak in town to proclaim local law. When the tree died in 1860, a sapling from its acorn was planted, and it survived the infamous bombing.

Next, we went to Sopelana, where we lounged on one of the many beaches along the northern coast, and burned our fair skin so that we looked even more like tourists among the locals. The surf was unusually strong, so swimmers were confined to a 50-yard-wide area.

We ventured chest-high into the cold water to cool off, then retreated to our towels to warm up under the sunny blue sky.

Instead of a boardwalk, the sand was rimmed by tall cliffs from which parasailers launched to ride the currents.

We stopped in several Spanish bars (most of which are small by American standards), drank beer and noshed on pintos, Basque tapas. Every bar has

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either a tray or small case displaying a variety of *pintxos* ranging from a dish of olives to *tortilla de patata*, a sort of potato omelette, to a thin slice or two of *jamon iberico* — cured ham from acorn-fed pigs, aged up to three years — served on a dinner-sized roll.

Jamon iberico is a world-renowned delicacy, but you'll have to go to Spain to try it; it's illegal to import it into the United States (Spain's slaughterhouses aren't certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture). Think of prosciutto, only far richer, with a nutty flavor. For excellent *jamon* in Bilbao, go to La Vina, where entire cured hams, hoof to haunch, hang from the ceiling.

The wedding was in Murguia, a small town an hour south of Bilbao and near Gorbela, the Basque region's largest natural park at nearly 50,000 acres. At 4,862 feet, Mount Gorbela is the tallest mountain in the range that separates the north climatically from the Mediterranean south.

From there we headed south to Laguardia. The town, which sits on a hill, was walled for protection in the 13th century. No cars are allowed inside the walls because vibrations from rumbling automobiles might disturb the wine cellars built under many of the streets. The absence of cars makes aimlessly wandering the narrow paved streets a romantic delight.

The homes are narrow and built together, like rowhouses. Because there are no yards, many of the small stone buildings have colorful window boxes overflowing with flowers.

Wine lovers could easily spend a week touring the numerous bodegas and eating at Laguardia's many restaurants. A visit to the church of Santa Maria De Los Reyes, constructed between the 12th and 15th centuries, with its larger-than-life depiction of the 12 apostles and the Virgin Mary, is a must.

From Laguardia we headed north to San Sebastian. Just outside the resort, we visited a museum/sculpture garden of the late Basque artist Eduardo Chillida. His massive pieces of iron and granite dot the grounds. That night we joined in the local custom of an evening walk on the promenade along La Concha, considered to be one of the most beautiful beaches in Europe. We strolled the paved promenade that follows the curve of the beach, joining older couples holding hands, whole families out for the evening air, and joggers and lollygaggers.

We stopped to watch an old woman pull a small fish from the sea and put it in a bucket with a couple of others. I tried to figure out where Ernest Hemingway's Jake Barnes swam in "The Sun Also Rises." It was late enough that the beach was closed to



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At the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, visitors walk through an exhibition called "Quantum Field X3" by Japanese artist Hiro Yamagata.



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If you go

■ **Guggenheim Museum:** Avenida Abandoibarra, Bilbao; www.guggenheim-bilbao.es/ingles. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday. Fee: about \$16.

■ **Guernica: Gernika Museum:** www.gernika-lumonet.com. Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

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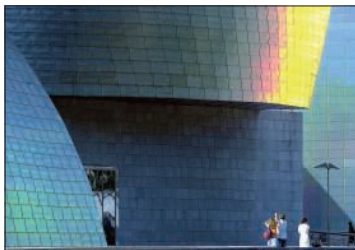
swimmers, but kayakers were venturing out for an evening paddle.

Surprised, we soon realized it was 8 p.m.; daylight in early summer here lasts well past 10. Pamplona was next. The festival of San Fermín is wildly popular and rooms are booked far in advance. We'd booked a room just outside the city through an Internet travel site, but when we



Left: A whale balloon hovers over residents of Bilbao. Spain, during a whale carnival in August.

Below left: Tourists stand below a colorful exhibit inside the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.



Parador, a Renaissance palace converted into a hotel by the state tourism bureau. It has about 50 modern rooms and a wonderful restaurant taking up the top floor.

We sat beneath the high wooden-beamed ceiling and enjoyed a bottle of wine with my most decadent meal of the vacation, veal medallions topped with sautéed foie gras.

There are more than 80 *paradores* located in historically significant buildings. Napoleon stayed in ours during the Peninsular War before attacking Vitoria. Though priced mid- to high-end, they are considered a bargain for offering affordable luxury. Argomaniz had the largest room of any place we stayed, a king-sized bed and spacious bathroom for about \$125.

Like most vacationers, we tried to cram too much into too little time. Next time, we'll relax more, leaving plenty of time for immersion in the Basque region's food, drink and culture.

entered our hotel with our printed confirmation, we were told we had no room. The booking agency had canceled it without notifying us because of a credit card glitch.

Our option was to sleep in our Citroën in the parking lot or stay up all night. Neither appealed, so with regret, we departed Pamplona

and its wine-soaked throngs of people dressed in traditional white and red. Lesson learned: Making arrangements via the Internet is convenient but not foolproof.

We pulled out our guidebook and decided to stay next in Argomaniz, several miles outside the city of Vitoria, at the Argomaniz

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Small town, im

Portuguese royalty favored little Óbidos

BY LORI ANN MARTIN

Stripes Travel reader

Picturesque, charming, adorable — adjectives that all describe the small hilltop town of Óbidos, Portugal, just north of Lisbon. Filled with old buildings and bright colors, the town is surrounded by 14th-century walls.

Occupied since at least 300 B.C. by the Celts, then by Romans, Visigoths and Moors, Óbidos was captured from the Moors in 1148 by Afonso Henriques, Portugal's first king. He reportedly advanced on the town with his army camouflaged as cherry trees.

TRAVEL TALES

In 1282, King Dinis was so taken by the lovely town, he gave it to his bride, Dona Isabel of Aragón. From then on, Óbidos became the traditional wedding gift to a new

queen.

Until the 16th century, Óbidos was a seaport, but silting of the area has placed the town in the midst of a green valley. There are beautiful views of the surroundings from the town's towers and wall, and it is a popular stop for tourists.

And yes, it is touristy, but stay overnight or at least into the evening, after the tour buses have left and the town regains its charm.

The town is best explored on foot — there are parking areas outside the walls. The main entrance is via the Porta da Vila gateway, lined with 18th-century *azulejo* tiles. Two cobbled streets split through the village. The white-washed buildings are painted with a trim of bright blue or yellow. Great flowering vines hang over corners and frame doorways. Sweet smells from the many blooms intoxicate the senses. With the normally mild weather of the Iberian Peninsula, the plants should bloom late into autumn and early winter.

One of the streets leads to the main square,

Praça de Santa Maria, with a 16th-century pillory column and the parish church — the 15th-century Igreja de Santa Maria. Above the square is the town's medieval castle, which has been converted into a *pousada*, one of the series of government-run historic buildings that are now hotels.

Exploring the small alleys and historic lanes off the square leads to more color and pleasant surprises. There are shops of Portuguese pottery, wine and stunning filigree gold jewelry.

The 700-year-old walls are intact around the little town and the path of medieval sentries can be walked today. The walkway is rough,

bumpy and slippery when wet, and there are no safety rails, but views over the lush countryside and between rooftops are well worth a slow, safe pace. There is even a windmill or two nearby. Keep in mind that once you're on top of the walkway, the next staircase down is likely halfway around from where the trek began.

The charm of Óbidos that captivated royalty for hundreds of years will delight today's visitor just as well, whether a quick stop on the way to other locations or a romantic interlude on a special occasion.

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Two walkers at center are dwarfed by the crenulations along the pathway atop the medieval walls of Óbidos, Portugal. Although the path is rough and without safety rails, tourists enjoy the walk for the view over the town and countryside.



PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes



The charming walled town of Óbidos captivated Portuguese royalty for centuries. Today, the medieval castle is a government-run hotel.

The elevated walkway and bright, blooming

mense appeal



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encircling Óbidos provides intimate peeks over rooftops and into the village, which is filled with quaint buildings and towers.



Visitors will find colorful surprises in narrow alleys.



The main entrance into the village is through the Porta da Vila gateway, lined with 18th-century tiles.

If you go to Óbidos, Portugal

■ **Getting there:** Óbidos is off the A8/Highway N8 about 50 miles north of Lisbon and 20 miles south of Alcobaca.

■ **For more information on the town,** visit the Web at www.portugalinfo.com. For information on accommodations at the castle, go to www.pousadas.pt/pls/wse/wsewind0.indice or www.pousadasinportugal.com.

A less-expensive but similar option is the Estalagem do Convento, a former convent converted into a privately run hotel. Find information on it at www.maistrismo.pt/econvento.

— LORI ANN MARTIN

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Volksmarch

The annual Grafenwöhr, Germany, walks place this Saturday and Sunday. An extremely close walk for the nearby military community, this popular volksmarch is in a beautiful area and is always well-organized.

The Grafenwöhr start location again this year is in the Jugendheim, near the church, on Kollpingsstrasse. The start times for the 5-, 10- and 20-kilometer trails are 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and 7-11 a.m. on Sunday. Saturday's finish time is 5 p.m., Sunday's is 3 p.m. The award is a Halloween souvenir with a pumpkin holding a hanging ghost (this one is tough to explain!).

Join your fellow American and German volksmarchers this weekend in beautiful Grafenwöhr and enjoy the trails as well as the superb hospitality of the club members!

In the "Ain't no tootin' to beg" department: You'll see a special place for volksmarch enthusiasts to send in brochures from all countries NOW for events through the end of 2004. As it says, "I'm leaving on Oct. 22 and won't return until after Christmas—so whatever I take with me is all that will be printed in the column during my absence."

My thanks to those who took the time to mail recent flyers in date order: Bob and Lorraine Huffaker, Ramona Kechelein and H. Wayne Henry.

The 2005 DVV Terminliste (annual German volksmarch schedule) hits the street soon. Ask a club member at your next volksmarch or look for a DVV representative. Remember, that while a great source of scheduled German volksmarches for the coming year, clubs do make occasional changes. You should always check out the DVV Web site at www.dvv-wandern.de to be sure you have the most up-to-date listings. (You will still need to check this column for details such as start location and prizes.)

Now that the weather is turning colder, more club events are not in their brochures but that broth will be offered at control points instead of tea. If you've walked by it in years past, give the broth a try. It's a great warm drink alternative and tastes terrific. I've never had a bad cup and I'll gladly take this homemade soup over tea on a cold day.

Miscellaneous notes about several of this year's volksmarch events:

■ The Wanderferne Hukepack Allenbach e.V., Germany, awards the next in the club's only animal series. This year it's a dog mounted on a wooden base. This walk is in the backyard of the Baumholder and Kaiserslautern Military Communities, and pretty darn close to the Eifel Community, too.

■ One of the few remaining German clubs to place this year takes place this Sunday in Bissingen, a suburb of Bietenheim. Start the long-distance walk between 7 and 9 a.m. at the Liederkränzhaus on Bahnhofstrasse 72. Remember that this is a Sunday-only event.

■ A 7½-inch-tall blue-colored oil lamp is the prize at Grossmehring, Germany. ■ If you're headed to Königsbrunn, Germany, and are interested in walking the 20K, you'll appreciate that by walking the 10K trail twice, you'll start all the courses both days between 7 a.m. and noon; the finish time is 4 p.m.

Here are events sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (Internationaler Volkssportverband, or IVV) near U.S. military installations in Europe. Locations are noted in the host language when possible. Find more extensive lists on the Web at www.ivv.org.

Country/Town	Day(s) and Time(s)	Code	Km.	Starting Point	Award	Directional Reference
Denmark						
Aislöv	Sun 0800-1000	-	10 & 16	Skole	No award	SW of Varde
Aislöv	Sun 0800-0900	-	22 & 28	Skole	No award	SW of Varde
Horsens	Sun 0900-1200	-	5, 10, 20	Follow signs	No award	-
Jordløse	Sun 0900-1200	-	5.5 & 11	Skole	No award	NW of Svendborg
Jordløse	Sun 0900-1000	-	16	Skole	No award	NW of Svendborg
France						
Eggenhard	Wed 0700-1400	F	10 & 20	Salle socio-culturelle	No award	SW of Bitche
Germany						
Allenbach	Sat & Sun 0800-1400	CF	5 & 10	Gemeindehaus	Onyx dog	RP, NW of Idar-Obenstein
Allenbach	Sat & Sun 0800-1300	CF	20	Gemeindehaus	Onyx dog	RP, NW of Idar-Obenstein
Bissingen (Bietenheim)	Sun 0700-1300	F	6, 10, 22	Liederkränzhaus	Porcelain egg	BWIN, NW of Ludwigswig
Bissingen (Bietenheim)	Sun 0700-0900	M	42	Liederkränzhaus	Patch certificate	BWIN, NW of Ludwigswig
Grafenwöhr	Sat 0700-1300, Sun 0700-1100	F	5, 10, 20	Jugendheim	Halloween souvenir	OPF, NE of Substanz-Rosenberg
Grossmehring	Sat 1200-1600, Sun 0700-1200	F	6 & 10	Nibelungenhalle	Oil lamp	MOB, E of Ingolstadt
Grossmehring	Sat 1200-1700, Sun 0700-1300	F	20	Nibelungenhalle	Oil lamp	MOB, E of Ingolstadt
Heideberg-Emmertsgrund	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1300	FY	5 & 10	Bürgerhaus	Weizenbeer glass	BWIN, SE of Heidelberg
Heideberg-Emmertsgrund	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	FY	20	Bürgerhaus	Weizenbeer glass	BWIN, SE of Heidelberg
Heideberg-Schnaltheim	Sat 0900-1500, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	5, 11, 20	Turn-u. Festhalle	B-mid/cup	BWIN, SE of Schwab. Grund
Königsbrunn	Sat & Sun 0700-1200	BF5X	5, 10, 20	Sonderschulzentrum	B-medal	SCH, S of Augsburg
Marlen	Sat 1000-1600, Sun 0700-1300	BFXY	6	Festhalle	B-medal	BWS, NW of Offenbach
Marlen	Sat 1000-1600, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	10	Festhalle	B-medal	BWS, NW of Offenbach
Marlen	Sat 1000-1500, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	20	Festhalle	B-medal	BWS, NW of Offenbach
Marlen	Sat 1000-1600, Sun 0700-1300	Bike	25	Festhalle	B-medal	BWS, NW of Offenbach
Neunkirchen am Brand	Sat & Sun 0630-1200	F	5, 10, 20	Hauptkirche	Samira tea lamp	FRM, NE of Erlangen
Oberberg	Sat & Sun 0800-1400	FB	6 & 10	Stadthalle	Indian figure	RP, N of Kaiserslautern
Oberberg	Sat & Sun 0600-1300	BF	20	Stadthalle	Indian figure	RP, N of Kaiserslautern
Oberberg	Sat & Sun 0600-0900	M	42	Stadthalle	Patch & certificate	RP, N of Kaiserslautern
Singaringen-Laiz	Sat 1200-1500, Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 20	Turn- und Festhalle	Wallet	BWS, SE of Schwab. Grund
Uetzing	Sat 0800-1100, Sun 0700-1100	BFX2.5	5 & 10	Schulgelände	Ceramic mushroom	FRO, S of Coburg
Weiler	Sat & Sun 0700-1400	BFX2.5	5 & 10	Rhein-Nahe-Halle	B-medal	RP, SW of Bingen
Weiler	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BKX2.5	20	Rhein-Nahe-Halle	B-medal	RP, SW of Bingen
Italy						
Bassano del Grappa	Sun 0800-0900	F	6, 12, 22	Centro Ricreativo	No award	NE of Vicenza
Gorizia	Sun 0900-0930	FX	7, 12, 18	By COOP supermarket	T-shirt (1st 100)	E of Udine
Luxembourg						
Rodange	Sun 0800-1400	F	5 & 10	Centre Culturel	No award	NW of Esch-sur-Alzette
Rodange	Sun 0800-1200	F	20	Centre Culturel	No award	NW of Esch-sur-Alzette
Switzerland						
St. Gallen	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	-	6, 10, 20	Mehrweizschäule	Souvenir	-
St. Gallen	Sat & Sun 0700-1000	M	42	Mehrweizschäule	Patch & certificate	-
United Kingdom						
Cawthorne	Sun 0930	-	5 & 15	Spencer Arms	No award	NW of Barnsley

Send info now for walks through 2004

Attention Volksmarch clubs: Oct. 22 is the deadline to send information (as shown above) about walks in all countries scheduled through the end of 2004. After that, Jennifer West will be out of the country until January. The only walks that will appear in this column between now and January will be the walks you send in now. Send brochures to: Volksmarch Column, Stars and Stripes, Bldg. 2899, Pulaski Barracks, APO AE 09227-3717 (MPS). Send e-mail information to jennifer@volksmarch@mail.estripes.osd.mil.

■ Choose between a black or Bordeaux-colored, 9-X-13-centimeter-diameter wallet as your Singaringen-Liaiz, Germany, medal.

■ Note on walks in Italy, from our buddy Karl Seidner:

"The Centro Ricreativo in Via Campesano is the location of the Bassano del Grappa volksmarch. Bassano is well worth a visit. Don't miss the Ponte Coperto (covered bridge), also known as the Ponte della Alpina. From it you can see marks on the buildings where the bullets hit during the war. Of particular note is the Grappa shop on the east end of the bridge. Just don't sample the drinks unless you have a designated driver!"

"The Gorizia event begins by the COOP supermarket at 79 Via Lungosozzo Argentina. Happy walking."

GENERAL CODES:

- B - Awards from past events available (B-medals)
- C - Bring a cup for free refreshments at the control points
- D - Shower or wash facilities at start hall
- F - Free refreshment at control points
- M - Marathon or long-distance event
- N - Nordic walking event
- P - Music at start hall (details in miscellaneous notes)
- S - Stroller-friendly trails
- S - Shorter trail is noted as stroller-friendly
- T - Evening/night walk, carry a flashlight
- X - Award available only while supply lasts
- W - Course suitable for wheelchair participants
- Y - Young-Walkers Tour or Bambini-Liga event
- Z - Reduced price of 2.50 euros for start card & B-medal

GERMAN STATE AND REGION CODES:

- BWN - Baden-Württemberg Nord
- BWS - Baden-Württemberg Süd
- FRD - Oberfranken (Upper Franken)
- FRM - Mittelfranken (Middle Franken)
- FRU - Unterfranken (Lower Franken)
- HE - Hessen
- MOB - München-Oberbayern
- NDS - Niedersachsen/Berlin
- NRW - Nordrhein-Westfalen
- NDB - Niederrhein
- OPF - Oberpfalz
- RP - Rheinland-Pfalz
- SAR - Saarland
- SCH - Schwaben
- SHH - Schleswig-Holstein/Hamburg
- THS - Thüringen/Sachsen

Send your ski listings

Stars and Stripes

This year's "Ski Europe" Travel issue is a just few weeks away (Oct. 28). We would like to include information about your ski club and its trips in this special issue and in the "Ski Clubs and Events" calendar throughout the winter. USDO and Morale, Welfare and Recreation trips are welcome also.

We prefer e-mail submissions, at travel@mail.strips.osd.mil. You also may send by mail to Travel Ski Calendar, Editorial, Stars and Stripes, Unit 29480, AP0 AE 09211, or Travel Ski Calendar, Editorial, Postfach 1330, 64345 Griesheim, Germany.

Please include this information (in this order): club's or organization's name, base/city, contact name, phone number and e-mail address, Web address (if available), mailing address, membership costs (singles and families), meeting schedule (days and location), trip schedule (resort, dates and costs, example: Subtotal, Nov. 8-9, 250 euros), notes about the trip (costs may be double occupancy? Trips by plane, bus or U-drive? Departure site? Meals or snacks included?).

We also welcome photos of your club skiing.

Don't be left out! Many skiers saw the ski issue throughout the season.

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Stars and Stripes

Listings are printed as space allows and will not necessarily appear every week. Send yours via e-mail at least two weeks ahead of desired publication date to travel@mail.strips.osd.mil. Please follow the format shown, with prices. If you have questions, call (+49) (0) 6159-60-299.

Germany

The Armed Forces Recreation Center at Garmisch, Germany, offers tours, activities and lodging in the new Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. Call DSN 440-2575 or CIV 08621-72981, or visit www.afrc.europe.com.

Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation tours: Oct. 16, Legoland, \$75/\$65; Oct. 16, deep-sea fishing in the North Sea, \$120; Oct. 17, spa day, \$30; Oct. 17, Amneville Therme Park in France (with zoo, aquarium, golf, spa, IMAX, luge,



ice skating, climbing, biking, indoor skiing etc.), \$35; Oct. 22, hike, bike, fly and ski in Zell am See, Austria, \$175; Oct. 23, climbing and rappelling, \$35; Oct. 24, trout fishing, \$35; Oct. 29, spa night, \$35; Oct. 29-31, ski weekend in Hintertux, Austria, \$210; Oct. 30, Ski Flugs Holland, \$79/\$59; Oct. 30, Frankfurt Castle, \$45; Nov. 5-7, Paris city visit and bike tour, \$130; Nov. 5-7, ski weekend in Sölden, Austria, \$219; Nov. 6, ski express, \$55; Nov. 7, spa day, \$30; Nov. 11-14, ski weekend in Stuba, Austria, \$239; Nov. 13, deep-sea fishing, \$120; Nov. 13, ski express, \$55; Nov. 14, trout fishing, \$35. Call DSN 489-7757 or CIV 0631-536-7751.

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Enjoy being a ghou in 'Shocktober'

Holiday Park in Haasloch, Germany, is celebrating Halloween with a monthlong program called "Shocktober in Oktober." Anybody wearing a costume during the month will receive a 3-euro reduction in the 12.90 euro admission price. In addition, on each Saturday and on Sunday, Oct. 31, there will be a parade featuring the usual Halloween costumes of witches, vampires and ghosts, plus marchers from traditional Fasching bands wearing regional outfits and playing music. The park closes for the season on Nov. 2. For more information, see Holiday Park's Web site at www.holidaypark.de; there is an English-language link.

deep-sea fishing, \$120; Nov. 13, ski express, \$55; Nov. 14, trout fishing, \$35. Call DSN 489-7757 or CIV 0631-536-7751.

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Mannheim Outdoor Recreation events: paintball, Nov. 13 and 27, at paintball field, \$15 with your own equipment. \$20 with ODR equipment; Nov. 20, inside wall climbing, at Indoor Climbing Center just minutes from Mannheim ODR, pre-registration required, \$35. Mannheim ODR also offers one-day ski trips to Feldberg, Germany, or Engelberg, Switzerland, every Saturday from mid-December to April. Engelberg dates: Dec. 18 and 26; Jan. 1, 15, and 29; Feb. 19 and 26; March 12 and 26 and April 2 and 10. Price is \$50 including ski, boots, poles and transportation, or \$45 with your own equipment. Snowboard package costs an additional \$5. If ticket not included, Feldberg dates: Jan. 8, 17 and 22; Feb. 5, 12 and 19; March 5 and 19.

The price per person is \$35, including ski, boots, poles and transportation, or \$30 with your own equipment. Snowboard package costs an additional \$5, if ticket not included. Call DSN 381-7215 or 7232, or CIV 0621-720-7215 or 7232.

Ramstein (KMC) RTT Destinations Unlimited tours: By bus: Oct. 2, Oktoberfest Family Express in Munich (return around midnight), \$69; Oct. 9, 14, 17, 20, 23, 28 and 31, Castles on the Rhine (castle visit, cruise, lunch and wine tasting, sightseeing and shopping), \$89; Oct. 9-10, Sound of Music

tour in Salzburg, Austria, with one hotel night, tours and visit to Ober-salzburg and Herrenchiemsee castle, \$259; Oct. 8-10, Prague and Karlovy Vary, one hotel night downtown with three meals and city tour, \$189; Oct. 9-10, Brussels and Bruges, one hotel night downtown and city tours, \$189; Oct. 10, Mosel River Tour and Cochem old city tour, \$79; Oct. 16 and 30, King Ludwig's Castles (Neuschwanstein and Schloss Linderhof), guided tours, photo stop at the castle Wieskirche, \$99; Oct. 16, Cochem Castle, tour and knight's dinner, \$89; Oct. 30, the "Essentials of Nancy" city tour and museums, \$99. All bus tours are without transfers.

RTT offers these air tours: Oct. 9-16 and Nov. 20-27, Egypt, hotels, tours, admissions and three days of cruising the Nile, \$119/1149 euros; Oct. 24-31, Moscow and St. Petersburg, flight, hotels, over-city night, admissions and six days of tours with lunches, \$99 euros; Nov. 20-27 and Dec. 24-31, Egypt, eight days, includes flight, hotels, tours, admissions and three days of cruising the Nile, \$1149/\$329 euros; Dec. 27-Jan. 2, Shanghai, China, with flight, hotels, tours and lunches for 1199 euros. Flight tours depart from Frankfurt. Call DSN 480-6330-489-7084/486-7719 or go to www.RTTtravel.com for information.

Ramstein Outdoor Recreation: Oct. 9, Top Rope Clinic at Landstuhl; Oct. 23, 24 and 31, caving in Luxembourg; Oct. 30, outdoor rock climbing in Dahm. Call DSN 480-5705 or CIV 06371-47-5705.

Wiesbaden/Dexheim Outdoor Recreation daily tours: Mondays, intro to scuba, Tuesdays, rock climbing; Wednesdays, swimming;

Thursdays, building; Saturdays, skydiving; Sundays, biking; every weekend, Hirsch cruise and wine probe. Call Wiesbaden at DSN 357-5760 or CIV 0611-705-5760 and Dexheim at DSN 334-5818 or CIV 06133-69-818.

Spangdahlem Outdoor Recreation offerings: through Oct. 3, Italy scuba certification course, \$550 for untrained divers, \$500 for certified divers, min. age 18; Oct. 2, Sauer

River raft float, \$35 per person, min. age 12; Oct. 3, Luxembourg trout fishing, \$25 per person, all ages; Oct. 9, Mosel canoe trip, \$35 per person, min. age 10; Oct. 20, Intro to Scuba Diving, \$35 per person, min. age 18; Oct. 23-24, Baltic deep-sea fishing, \$125 per person, min. age 12; Oct. 23, Mosel bike trip, \$25 per person, min. age 12; and Oct. 31, North Sea fishing, \$125 per person, min. age 14. Call DSN 452-7176 or COMM 06565-61-7176.

Spangdahlem Information, Tickets and Travel tours and events: Oct. 8-9, Karlsruhe Crystal and Czech Fife Market, \$59 per person; Oct. 9, Brussels Express, \$45 per adult, \$40 ages 3-12; Oct. 15-16, Poland Shopping Express, \$69 per person; Oct. 16, Cochem Medieval Dinner, \$75 per person; Oct. 23, Paris Express, \$89 adults, \$89 ages 3-12; Oct. 23, Amsterdam, \$50 per person; Oct. 30, Disneyland Halloween special, \$109 adults, \$89 ages 3-12; Oct. 30, Halloween party at Frankenstein's Castle, \$51 adults; Oct. 31, Halloween Family Day at Frankenstein's Castle, \$40 adults, \$35 ages 3-12; Nov. 6, Metz City and flea market, \$32. Call DSN 452-6567 or COMM 06565-61-6567.

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Let's Go

BY JAYNE TRAENDLY
Stripes Travel researcher

Frankfurt marathon

If you're planning to race in Frankfurt's Eurocity marathon Oct. 31 and want to register online, better get to that computer the entry deadline is tomorrow. Otherwise, you will have to register at the Marathon Fair Oct. 29 and 30 at the city's exhibition grounds.

Runners registering by tomorrow pay 55 euros (living in Germany), 60 euros (outside Germany). Skaters pay 45 euros (living in Germany), 50 euros (outside Germany). Paying at the fair costs an extra 10 euros in cash. In addition to that fee, you must buy a ChampionChip for timing available at the fair. The cost is 31 euros, 24 of which will be refunded if you choose to rent it. Oct. 30, both races start at 7 a.m. The course will run at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The race is 3.9 miles.

The marathon Web site is www.frankfurt-marathon.com.

Provence in November

Maybe you'd like to head farther south at Thanksgiving, on a tour of the South of France from Nov. 24 to 28, organized by the "New Travel Group."

The trip travels to the region famous for its fields of lavender and landscapes that have inspired artists such as Vincent Van Gogh. Visit the local markets offering goods including antiques, clothes, food and Provence table linens; the Palace of the Popes in Avignon; a Gothic cathedral; Roman gale and amphitheater in Nîmes; a French market shops in Aix; and a wine tasting at a local producer.

Cost is \$1,040 per person, double occupancy, and includes round-trip air fare Frankfurt-Marseille, breakfasts, one dinner, four hotel nights in Avignon, guided tours, fees and transfers.

Call Katie Meyer at (916) 786-3708 or e-mail katie.meyer@juno.com. In Germany call Michael Curley at (+49) (0) 6384/514 838 or e-mail mkurle@aol.com. The Web site is www.meyertravelgroup.com.

Stay in Andalusia

Up to 18 percent of Andalusia, Spain, is protected as a nature reserve, making it a good location to vacation away from the stress of big-city life. The private company RAAR, a private, non-profit association of home and farm owners in the area, has about 500 establishments. They offer a variety of accommodations and programs to those who want to be a "rural tourist."

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■ **Vouchers** you buy ahead of time for bed and breakfasts. Call (+34) 902-44 22 33, fax (+34) 902-27 16 78 or e-mail info@rares.es. The Web site is www.rares.es.

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Listings are the latest information available at press time, but are subject to change. We recommend checking with the local tourist board to confirm details of the event before traveling.

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www.austria.info.at
VIENNA: Viennale, Oct. 15-27.

BELGIUM

Telephone: (32) 2/50-40-390
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BRUSSELS: Flower show, through Oct. 10. National Basilica BRUSSELS: International organ festival, Oct. 17-24. BRUGES: International fine arts and antiquities show, Oct. 18-26. BRUSSELS: Winterfun fair, Oct. 26-Nov. 24. BRUSSELS: 24 hours of Belgian special beers, Nov. 6-7.

ENGLAND

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NOTTINGHAM: Goose fair, through Oct. 9. LONDON: Goldsmiths fair, through Oct. 10. 90 designer craftspeople sell direct to public on Foster Lane. BIRMINGHAM: Horse of the year show, through Oct. 10. LONDON: Knitting and stitching show, through Oct. 10. BLACKPOOL: Illuminations, through Nov. 7. CANTERBURY: Canterbury festival, Oct. 9-24. DUXFORD: Autumn air show, Oct. 10. www.iwm.org.uk LONDON: Chelsea crafts fair, Oct. 12-24. Chelsea Old Town Hall LONDON: International Halloween festival, Oct. 17-19. Queen Mary College, www.papierfestivals.com STROKE-ON-TRENT: Fireworks and laser spectacular, Oct. 23-31. BIRMINGHAM: International classic motor show, Oct. 22-24. NEC LONDON: Trafalgar day parade, Oct. 24. Trafalgar Square NORWICH: Beer festival, Oct. 25-31. LONDON: Daily Mail ski and snowboard show, Oct. 25-Nov. 7.

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NORMANDY: D-Day celebrations, through September. www.normandie-normans.com METZ: Flea market, Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Dec. 12 (7 a.m.-6 p.m.). Dec. 18. Open 6 a.m.-noon. EISENHEIM (Alsace): Wine festival, Oct. 9-10. NIEDERBRONN-LES-BAINS (Alsace): Orchard festival, Oct. 9-17. MOLSHEIM (Alsace): Wine festival, Oct. 9-10. RHINAU (Alsace): Village festival, Oct. 9-10. STUTTGART (Alsace): Autumn festival, Oct. 10. DESSENHEIM (Alsace): Corn festival, Oct. 16-17. MARLENHEIM, OBERNAI (Alsace): Wine festival, Oct. 16-17. OBERBRONN (Alsace): Chestnut festival, Oct. 17. REIMS: City marathon, Oct. 17. PARIS: International contemporary art fair, Oct. 21-25. WANGENBOURG-ENGENTHAL

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GERMANY: If you like needlework, sewing and other textile crafts (or are related to someone who does), you might want to head to Michelstadt's "Stichele" this weekend to get ideas and buy materials. The crafts show in the Odenwald will be spread out in several buildings in the historic town center and includes 70 stalls offering such wares as materials, old buttons, fake pearls, patchwork, boxes, Teddy bears, hats, quilts, wool and needles, patterns and finished crafts. The show is open from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For details on this and other markets in the Odenwald, go to www.odenwaldmarkt.de.

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(Alsace): Gourmet weekend, Oct. 22-24, 29-Nov. 1. LOGELHEIM (Alsace): Pumpkin festival, Oct. 23-24. STRASBURG: Tattoo show, Oct. 23-24. MULHOUSE: National postcards and collections fair, Oct. 24. DUJON: International gastronomic fair, Oct. 30-Nov. 11. GERMANY Telephone: (49) 69/97464-0 www.germany-tourism.de STUTTGART: Cannstatter Wasen, through Oct. 10. FRANKFURT: Book fair, through Oct. 10. Open to public Oct. 9-10. BREMEN: Freimarkt, Oct. 15-31. MUNICH: Long night of the museums, Oct. 16. MUNICH: Kermis Dult, Oct. 16-24. Country fair. HAMBURG: Dom, Nov. 5-Dec. 5. Fair.

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through Nov. 28. SAN MINIATO: Duck race and medieval festival, Oct. 9-10. NAPLES: Fitness show, Oct. 10-12. VENEZIA: International festival of contemporary music, Oct. 14-23. PERUGIA: Eurochocolate, Oct. 16-24. VENEZIA: City marathon, Oct. 24. ROME: Jazz festival, Oct. 27-Nov. 18. TURIN: International fair of contemporary art, Nov. 5-7.

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SEVILLE: Flamenco biennale, through Oct. 10. AGRAMUNT: Nougat and chocolate fair, Oct. 11-12. ZARAGOZA: Fietsas del Pilar, Oct. 9-17. CONSEGUEIRA: Saffron festival, Oct. 29-30. MADRID: Jazz show, Oct. 30-Nov. 30. www.munimadrid.es BARCELONA: Jazz festival, Oct. 30-Dec. 15. www.the-project.net

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WILLISAU: Festival and cheese cowbell market, Oct. 15-17. HALLAU: Wine festival and parades, Oct. 10. ROMAINMONTIER: Autumn fair and cowbell market, Oct. 15-17. LENK: Alpine festival, Oct. 16. FULLY: Chestnut festival, Oct. 16-17. MENDRISIO-BASSO CERESIO: Cheese market, Oct. 16-17. APPENZEL: Cheese championships, Oct. 29-31.

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SWANSEA: Dylan Thomas festival, Oct. 27-Nov. 9. www.dylanthomasfestival.com

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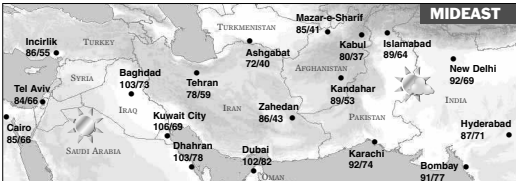


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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Sunny to partly cloudy with gusty winds. Highs in the lower 60s, Friday lows in the lower 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly to mostly cloudy with gusty winds in the morning. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with dense fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 70s, Friday lows in the mid 40s.

France: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s to mid 70s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to upper 30s.

Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with rain showers in the morning. Highs in the lower to upper 50s, Friday lows in the lower to mid 40s.

Southern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid 60s to upper 70s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

Hungary: Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s, Friday lows in the lower 50s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with fog in the morning. Highs in the lower to upper 50s, Friday lows in the mid 50s to lower 60s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s to lower 80s, Friday lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy with fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 70s, Friday lows in the lower 40s to lower 50s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower to upper 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s to lower 90s, Friday lows in the mid 50s to mid 60s.

Turkey: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and 5-day forecasts go to the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page at: <https://www.sembach.af.mil>
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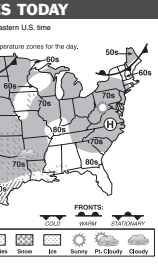


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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2004

	AFN-FAMILY	AFN-MOVIE	AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00	Stanley "The First Couple"	Movie "My Sister's Shadow"	Dr. Phil	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 5)	Nightline	MLB Baseball Playoffs.	30 Minute Meals	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 5)
9:30	Sage-Siemens Cat	(1999) Nancy Melton, Janet Leigh. A first grade girl's mother's untimely death.	Oprah Winfrey	Jumani	Nightly Business Report		Low Carb & Lovin' It	Mucha Lucha
10:00	Arthur (E)		Guiding Light	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Design on a Dime	Jeopardy!
10:30	Between the Lions (E)	Movie *** "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Drama)	General Hospital	Headline News	60 Minutes II		Style Star	Headline News
11:00	Sage-Siemens Cat	Stanley "The Big Split"	Headline News	ESPNews			60 News Live	ESPNews
11:30	Dora the Explorer	Shirley MacLaine, Debra Winger, Jack Nicholson.	Headline News	Everybody Loves Raymond	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	The King of Queens	Pacific Report
12:00	The Wiggles "Story Telling"		Today Judge Judy	Will & Grace			Girlfriends	Everybody Loves Raymond
12:30	Bob the Builder	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)	Today Bill O'Reilly	The Bachelor	Good Morning America		Charmed "Once Upon a Time"	The Bachelor
13:00	Dragon Tales (E)	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
13:30	Blue's Clues	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
14:00	Barney & Friends (E)	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
14:30	Barney & Friends (E)	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
15:00	Funtastic Home Videos	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
15:30	Full House	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
16:00	Pokemon "Katu the Future"	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
17:00	Hey Arnold!	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
17:30	Rocket Power	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
18:30	Rugrats	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
19:00	That's So Raven	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
19:30	All That	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
20:00	7th Heaven "Heart of the Mar..."	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
20:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
21:00	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
21:30	The Cosby Show	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
22:00	Home Improvement	Movie "For Hope" (1996, Drama)						
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2004

00:00	Hey Arnold!	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	(11:30) Late Show	(11:00) Today Bill O'Reilly	Headline News	(10:00) MLB Baseball Playoffs (Live)	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	(11:00) Today Bill O'Reilly
00:30	Rocket Power	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Access Hollywood	Access Hollywood	NBC Nightly News		One Tree Hill "How Can You Be Sure"	Sesame Street (E)
1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	ABC World News Tonight	SportsCenter		
1:30	Barney & Friends (E)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes II	MLB Baseball Playoffs, (Live)	The Practice "Of Thee I Sing"	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)
2:00	That's So Raven	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Countdown With Keith Obermann		Frontline "China in the Red"	Dr. Phil
2:30	All That	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Hannity & Colmes			
3:00	7th Heaven "Heart of the Mar..."	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NewsHour Weekend With Jim Lehrer			
3:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Dr. Phil			
4:00	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Oprah Winfrey			
4:30	Sesame Street (E)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NewsHour Weekend With Jim Lehrer			
5:00	Sesame Street (E)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NBC Nightly News			
5:30	Barney & Friends (E)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Dr. Phil			
6:00	Blue's Clues	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	ESPNews			
6:30	Dragon Tales (E)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	ABC World News Tonight			
7:00	Dragon Tales (E)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes II			
7:30	Bob the Builder	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Countdown With Keith Obermann			
8:00	The Wiggles "Animals"	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Hannity & Colmes			
8:30	Dora the Explorer	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NewsHour Weekend With Jim Lehrer			
9:00	Stanley	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Dr. Phil			
9:30	Sage-Siemens Cat	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Oprah Winfrey			
10:00	Arthur (E)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NewsHour Weekend With Jim Lehrer			
10:30	Between the Lions (E)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NBC Nightly News			
11:00	Sage-Siemens Cat	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Dr. Phil			
11:30	Stanley "Gorilla Steppin' Out"	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	ESPNews			
12:00	Dora the Explorer	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	ABC World News Tonight			
12:30	The Wiggles "Friends"	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes II			
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15:00	Funtastic Home Videos	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Oprah Winfrey			
15:30	Full House "Word for a Day"	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NewsHour Weekend With Jim Lehrer			
16:00	Pokemon	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NBC Nightly News			
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 2)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Dr. Phil			
17:00	Hey Arnold!	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	ESPNews			
17:30	Rocket Power	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	ABC World News Tonight			
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes II			
18:30	Rugrats	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Countdown With Keith Obermann			
19:00	ChalkZone (E)	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Hannity & Colmes			
19:30	Weekend Update	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NewsHour Weekend With Jim Lehrer			
20:00	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Dr. Phil			
20:30	All That Music by Ashlynn	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Oprah Winfrey			
21:00	Lizzie McGuire	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NewsHour Weekend With Jim Lehrer			
21:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	NBC Nightly News			
22:00	Switched "Katie and Elmer"	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Dr. Phil			
22:30	Radio Free Roscoe	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	ESPNews			
23:00	The Cosby Show	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	ABC World News Tonight			
23:30	Home Improvement	(11:00) Movie *** "Chinatown" (1974, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes II			

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FACES



Musician Steve Earle on the left? You bet. But the theme of Earle's latest disc, "The Revolution Starts ... Now," is more about speaking up in general and less a tirade against President Bush — though he'd like that.

Earle sparks a 'Revolution'

Musician sings about overthrowing apathy

By DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK

Steve Earle is an unapologetic leftist who'd like nothing more than to see President Bush defeated in November.

So what would people who disagree with his politics get from Earle's new CD, "The Revolution Starts ... Now," other than elevated blood pressure? Actually, they might get fired up, too. For his disc's overriding theme is less about speaking up against Bush — though he'd like that — than speaking up in general.

"I don't hold 'them' responsible for the fact that the country is not going the way that I think it ought to go," he said. "I hold us — the people who think I do — responsible. We want to sleep. Democracy, it's hard work. It requires vigilance."

The title cut is an anthem about that very idea. Earle's revolution is simply overthrowing apathy and, as he sings, it begins "in your own backyard, in your own hometown."

To drive the point home, he repeats the song at the album's end.

On a blunter song you won't hear on the radio, "F the CC," Earle sings that he's "been called a traitor and a patriot."

Fine, he says, call me anything you want, but don't forget that democracy flourishes with a cacophony of opinions.

"I'm trying to reach out to people that don't agree with me," he said. "I'm also trying to make people that do agree with me, that have been silent and intimidated into being quiet, speak up."

Through his songs and activism, Earle has campaigned against the death penalty for years. He's ratcheted up other topical content over his past three albums and earned the enmity of many Bush supporters with "John Walker's Blues," a song about the American who joined the Taliban in Afghanistan.

When he wrote "The Revolution Starts ... Now" and "Rich Man's War," Earle knew he had to get them out before Election Day. So he

banged the rest of the disc out quickly, writing and recording on a song-a-day pace.

Like "John Walker's Blues," which tried to get inside the head of John Walker Lindh, Earle wrote less about politics than characters whose lives are affected by the decisions of others.

There's a truck driver in Houston driving a rig in Iraq, a young man who joined the Army to see the world and was sent to fight in Iraq, a soldier in Afghanistan whose car was being repossessed back home, a youth in Gaza strapped with a bomb to blow himself up in the name of Allah.

Earle lives near Kentucky's military base, Fort Campbell, and some of his material came from watching what was happening there.

And with a looming growl behind a reggae beat, Earle sings in "Condi, Condi" about his desire to send National security adviser Condoleezza Rice.

How? "I think she's kind of hot," he said.

"Her very existence fascinates me."

He and Rice are exactly the same age, he explains, and he often wonders how the highly educated Rice wound up with views diametrically opposed not only to himself, but to the majority of black Americans.

Alas, he was disappointed when Rice didn't show up at his promotional appearance in a Washington music store.

Earle was asked to join Bruce Springsteen, the Dixie Chicks, Jackson Browne and other artists who are touring this fall under the "Vote for Change" banner, to benefit efforts to defeat Bush.

He turned it down for financial reasons, not because he disagreed with their sentiment.

Can music make a political difference? Earle said he's lost track of the number of times people have approached him to say one of his songs changed their mind about the death penalty.

"Don't try to tell me that songs don't change people's hearts or minds about others," he said. "They do. They do. They do. They get you girls, it's a very powerful medium. Even political songs get you a certain kind of girl."

Jimmy Buffett not wasting away

Jimmy Buffett is far from "wasting away in Margaritaville." At 57, he continues to tour and record, with no plans to slow down.

"Well, I always said that I wouldn't use a teleprompter and if I start to sing real flat, I'll hang it up," the singer says in an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes." "I'm having more fun now."

Early in his career, Buffett wanted to be a country singer. He moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he wrote for Billboard magazine.

He relocated to Key West, Fla., in the early 1970s and adopted his laid-back, toes-in-the-sand persona. His songs include "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

Now Buffett has a new relationship with country music. He won a Country Music Award this year for his collaboration with Alan Jackson on "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," and recruited some of country music's biggest names to help him record "License to Chill," which includes a cover of Hank Williams' "Hey Good Lookin'."

Stars hold benefit for ACLU

Robin Williams, Paul Simon and a host of other entertainers took the stage in New York at a benefit for the



Buffett

American Civil Liberties Union, which forfeited money from a federal fund drive because it refused to screen its employees against a suspected terrorist "watch list."

Emily Whitfield, a spokeswoman for the ACLU, said the event raised more than \$300,000.

The benefit, held at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, was produced by composer Philip Glass and featured about two dozen performers, including Richard Gere, Sarah Jones, Tony Kushner, Jake Gyllenhaal and his sister, Maggie Gyllenhaal.

The ACLU withdrew from the Combined Federal Campaign, a program that accepts donations from government and military personnel, because rules put in place under the Patriot Act require participating charities to make sure no employees are on a 143-page list of names and aliases of possible terrorists.

Zellweger felt 'curt, clumsy' in London

"Bridget Jones" star Renée Zellweger says that being around British people makes her feel "curt and clumsy."

In an interview with London's Time Out magazine, the Oscar-winning actress — who lived in London while filming the hit 2001 comedy "Bridget Jones's Diary" and its sequel, "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" — also revealed that she plans to take a year off from movies to



Williams

spend time with friends.

"What did become apparent to me when I was living in England were my Americanisms," the 35-year-old star said in the interview, published Tuesday. "I felt that so strongly. I felt loud and inappropriately direct."

"I felt curt and clumsy and I felt obnoxious in my straightforward way of communicating."

Zellweger said she had been reluctant to do a Bridget Jones sequel, fearing it was simply a moneymaking venture. ("But I came to understand as we began to talk about it that it wasn't that at all.")

Tribute concert for reporter held

About 150 diplomats, politicians, artists and others paid tribute in Karachi, Pakistan, at a concert by Pakistani musicians to Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was slain in the city by Islamic militants.

Pearl was kidnapped and beheaded in Karachi in 2002 while researching a story on Islamic militancy.

Pakistani vocalist Farooq Alami, accompanied by guitarist Amir Zaki, sang of tolerance, peace and harmony during the heavily guarded concert Monday night at the U.S. consular general's residence.

"Daniel Pearl ... left friends the world over wherever he had gone in search of truth to fulfill his professional obligations," said Douglass C. Rohm, the consul general.

He added that Pearl was a talented musician and joined bands wherever he went.

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OPINION

Read my lips: Movements signify nothing

A deficiency of nationally televised presidential debates is that so many commentators equip themselves with microscopes to discern the least important thing about the events so that they can then convert their finding into a major issue that confirms their prejudices.

Jay Ambrose



The irrelevancy that has generated the most excitement since the set-to between George W. Bush and John Kerry last week is what transpired on Kerry's face when Kerry's lengthy jaw was flapping.

President Bush's lips went up and down and around, and it is possible to imagine that there was meaning in the movements, just as it is possible for astrologers to imagine there is meaning conferred by the star alignment on your birth date.

One observer, a Harvard humanities professor named Stephen Greenblatt, thought our president displayed "an astonishing range of emotions: confusion, annoyance and something like rage."

Greenblatt says in a New York Times op-ed piece that it was as if the audience had seen into the mind of Antony as he addressed Romans in Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar." (The professor is not being complimentary. The professor has told us earlier, is playing on fear and greed, hoping to use escalating violence for selfish purposes.)

I subscribe to a different theory. It is that our president suffers from idiosyncratic lip muscles. They behave in such a way that his smiles look like smirks to some, betraying Bush's benign intentions.

He has become self-conscious about his lips and does all that he can to make them act contrary to their habits. He had to be aware that the nation would be watching his face when Sen. Kerry spoke. The mission was clear: Control those lips. But in his wrestling match with them, he left himself open for critics to say, "Look at that. The guy is projecting the despicable inner attitudes I always knew he had."

Kerry, too, had problems in this regard, it seemed to me. At least a few times when Bush was having at him, he looked distracted, as if in a daze. Others may not have seen it that way, and that's OK with me. I don't think it makes much difference one way or the other. For something like 45 minutes each, in front of an audience of tens of millions, these candidates had to stand still with nothing to do and try to look like something other than idiots. Go to your bathroom and try it out between just you and the mirror — for only five minutes — and see how dignified you think you look.

Is content, then, the only thing that matters in these debates — the uttered words that may or may not add up to something coherent and sensible? No. Al Gore's sighing in his first debate with Bush four years ago was worth taking note of because it was so unmistakably an affectation, something done with calculated afterthought to demonstrate disdain, and because the sighs at first made you wonder if the man had appendicitis



and needed to be rushed to a hospital. But a hospital isn't what we needed so much as a lecture on being polite and humble and adult.

Even then, I think it would be a mistake to base a vote on that bit of behavior, certainly not in and of itself, just as it would be a mistake — a worse one — to base a vote on Richard Nixon's afternoon shadow when he debated John F. Kennedy or the first George Bush's glances at his watch when he debated Bill Clinton and Ross Perot.

I am not even sure that some content flubs

should count for too much in what is, after all, an artificial situation that is not finally all that good a test of how someone might function as president. We may learn something from a debate that can help round out our views of the candidates when placed in the context of everything else we know about them. We may come to more-reliable convictions about their minds and character and ideas. But that's not likely to happen when people make mountains — or Shakespearean dramas — out of molehills.

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The 'god' who carries around dangerous demons

BY RACHEL EHRENFELD AND SHAWN MACOMBER

"Frankly, I don't think I'll need to do a lot more," Democratic philanthropist George Soros bragged to USA Today just a few months ago. "I now take the defeat of Bush more or less for granted."

Unfortunately for him, that defeat no longer seems so certain, so the billionaire, who had spent more than \$15 million in an attempt to get John Kerry elected, is now trying to protect his earlier investments by throwing in an additional \$3 million.

"America, under Bush, is a danger to the world," says Soros. To save the world and prevent the re-election of George W. Bush, Soros has dedicated extraordinary amounts of time and money because defeating Bush, he says, is his "central focus." His motto, "If I spend enough, I will make it right," is the essence of his articulated ideas about changing society.

It seems that Soros believes he was appointed by God. "I fancied myself as some kind of god ...," he once wrote. "If truth be known, I carried some rather potent messianic fantasies with me from childhood, which I felt I had to control, otherwise they might get me in trouble."

When asked by Britain's Independent newspaper to elaborate on that passage, Soros said, "It is a sort of disease when you consider yourself some kind of god, the creator of everything, but I feel comfortable about it now since I began to live it out."

[S]ince I began to live it out." Those unfamiliar with Soros would probably dismiss the statement out of hand. But for those who have followed his career and sociopolitical endeavors, it cannot be taken quite so lightly.

Soros has proved that with the vast re-

sources of money at his command he has the ability to make the once unthinkable acceptable. His work as a self-professed "amoral" financial speculator has left millions in poverty when their national currencies were devaluated, and he pumped so much cash into shaping former Soviet republics to his liking that he has bragged that the former Soviet empire is now the "Soros Empire."

Now he's turned his eye on the internal affairs of the United States. Today's United States, he writes in his latest book, "The Bubble of American Supremacy," is a "threat to the world," run by a Republican Party that is the devil child of an uneasy alliance between "market fundamentalists" and "religious fundamentalists." We have become a "supremacist" nation.

During a speech at Columbia University's commencement ceremonies, Soros said, "If President Bush is re-elected, we must ask the question, 'What is wrong with

us?'" He has written that he always "felt that modern society in general and America in particular suffer from a deficiency of values."

Bush's aggressive waging of the war on terrorism has only increased these feelings. "When President Bush says, as he does frequently, that freedom will prevail, in fact he means that America will prevail," Soros writes. Who would Soros prefer to see "prevail"? Saddam Hussein? Osama bin Laden?

Despite his reputation as an international philanthropist, Soros remains candid about his true charitable tendencies. "I am sort of a *deus ex machina*," Soros told The New York Times in 1994. "I am something unnatural. I'm very comfortable with my public persona because it is one I have created for myself. It represents what I like to be as distinct from what I really am. You know, in my personal capacity I'm not actually a selfless philanthropic person. I've very much self-centered."

Soros was more succinct when he explained his life philosophy to biographer Michael Kaufman. "I am kind of a nut who wants to have an impact," he said.

But the speculator's visions don't end there.

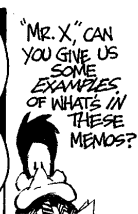
"Next to my fantasies about being God, I also have very strong fantasies of being mad," Soros once confided on British television. "In fact, my grandfather was actually paranoid. I have a lot of madness in my family. So far I have escaped it."

In his book, "Soros on Soros," he says: "I do not accept the rules imposed by others. ... And in periods of regime change, the normal rules don't apply." Clearly, Soros considers himself to be someone who is able to determine when the "normal rules" should and shouldn't apply.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Horoscope

The moon is void early in the day, so if you're not sure how you're feeling, don't worry about it. The tendency is to doubt your plans, but resist the second-guessing game. Just do what's on your list, and count yourself among the productive people. The moon enters Leo in the afternoon, and you'll start to regain confidence in your direction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(October 7). This is the year you're being waited for. A major growth spurt in your emotional life manifests itself in the next two months. On the other side of this, you're ready to comfortably and responsibly take on more than you ever have. Finances are much improved through the holidays, but spend wisely, even on the little things, to stay lucky.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Sure, you've got a fabulous sense of humor, but do not always be joking. Sigmund Freud argued that there are no jokes. Consider the subtext of what you are saying to others and how your words might make them feel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The past is no indicator of where you're going. Surprising turns are in store. Not even you could have predicted where you'll end up. Make the most of your opportunities by getting organized.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You'll hear from the old peasant gallery today. It seems certain people always have an opinion, but seldom is it one that helps you on your quest. That's why it's important not to show anyone your half-finished works.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Just when you'd like to stay in and be comfortably cocooned from the rest of the world, you should go out instead. Make yourself accessible, and make your talents known. This is no time to coddle yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

There is a mountain to move, and you're the one who's got to do it. Luckily, this mountain comes in the form of

scraps of paper, two-minute tasks and "errands" that can be accomplished online or over the phone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes, you act on impulse, but more often, you act on second thought. In matters of romance, you benefit from doing the former, but in business, you're better off doing the latter. Tonight, deliver a sincere act of gratitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Try to lighten up. It's not as though the hopes and dreams of your entire family are riding on your shoulders. OK, so maybe they are a little bit. But that's their problem. Your responsibility is to follow your own bliss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Nothing annoys you like people who feel entitled to a station they've done nothing to deserve. So remember that you, too, should get to your rightful place through the merit of your actions, not through presumption.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your mind is filled with "if" onlys. "If only I were thinner, richer or more successful, then I could be attractive to X. This is all teen fantasy stuff, but I get you thinking about your goals. Oh yeah, goals — remember those?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You'll notice that you're powerful — more powerful than you thought you were. Perhaps that's why friends and family tend to duck behind you for cover. Your strength is your willingness to confront what needs to be confronted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're focused, centered and ready for anything. That's why people come to you when they're wondering what to do next. Take time to prepare not only for your own activities but also a list of tasks you can possibly delegate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Though diplomacy has gotten you this far, now it's time to overstep your boundaries. You are admired for your audacity. People around you were just waiting for someone to say what was on everyone's mind.

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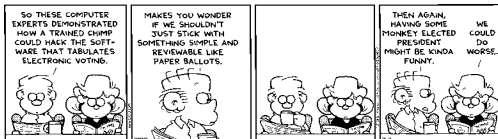
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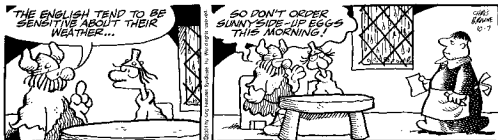
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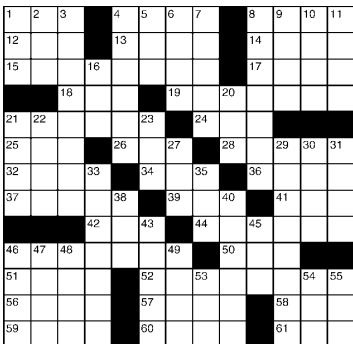
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals T

Tipping for hair care big debate

Dear Abby: I'm writing in response to "Curly in Chesterfield, Mo.," who asked for guidelines on tipping hairdressers who rent their stations and keep 100 percent of the fees they charge.

"Curly" was of the opinion that tipping is only for people who work on commission.

You correctly advised her to ask her hairdresser if tips are accepted — and advised her that the usual amount is 15 to 20 percent of the bill.

Speaking as a hairstylist for the last 20 years, I cannot believe the number of people who don't know how to tip. Whether the stylist is an owner, manager or just a hairstylist, that person is still giving the customer a service. Many of my clients give more than that, and some still give nothing.

People should remember that when they give a tip, they are saying, "Thank you."

— **Stylist in Wisconsin**

Dear Stylist: Not everyone

agrees. Read on:

Dear Abby: I disagree with your reply to "Curly." My hairdresser rents her station from the salon owner. She sets her own prices and hours. I typically pay her \$100 for a cut, style and highlights, which takes her about 2½ hours. The woman makes more per hour than I do, at a business she basically owns! I only tip people who work for someone and earn minimum wage. I don't tip restaurant owners, and they don't expect it. They want my return business.

— **Rene in San Pedro**
Dear Rene: And that's your privilege. Read on:

Dear Abby: Thank you so much for your response to "Curly." Customers think that because we pay rent, we pocket

all our income. Wrong! People don't realize that on top of the rent we pay, we must also purchase all of our own tools, chemicals and products. Our scissors alone cost at least \$150 — most of the time more. When they need sharpening, it costs \$25. We have no benefits. We must pay for 100 percent of our insurance. If our kids get sick and we can't work — we don't get paid. When a customer stands us up, we are not only out the money, but we are also out the time we allocated for that customer.

It is amazing to me how those who have the most money are the stingiest tippers — and the people who have little are so generous! I feel that when you treat customers with love and cater to their needs, a tip is their response to how well we are doing our job.

— **Miss Tress in Kankakee, Ill.**
Dear Miss Tress: And so I.

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Answer: THE

Yesterday's Jumbles: PHONY WEDGE BRANDY ANSWER: The cowboy didn't join his pals in the saloon because he was — ON THE WAGON

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Angiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Daughter hears parents have sex

Dear Annie: This December, it will be one year since our daughter, "Cara," moved back home after graduating college. Cara's bedroom and our master bedroom share a wall. She claims the wall is too thin because she can hear our bed squeak and listen to pieces of our conversation. She has even kidded us about it in front of our friends, and we all have laughed.

My husband and I have always enjoyed a very active and enjoyable sex life — until now. The knowledge that Cara can hear us has put a damper on our intimacy. Except when we take a long weekend trip, our sex life has virtually come to a halt. We both work long hours, and it is difficult to schedule a quick get-together when we think Cara will be gone for an hour or two. Even so, I am always afraid she might come back in the middle, so we often end up not doing anything.

It really bothers me that I feel such pressure from Cara's keen hearing that I need to hide out. I

Annie's Mailbox



have talked to Cara about it, and she insists she doesn't want to stop us from enjoying ourselves. Nonetheless, I am frozen and cannot seem to shake it off.

— **Under a Cloud**
Dear Under a Cloud: The best solution would be if Cara found her own living arrangements, and you should encourage this. You also might consider installing some soundproofing material on your walls so Cara stops eavesdropping on your love life. Until then, put out a "Do Not Disturb" sign or wrap your husband's tie on the entrance door-knob, and tell Cara it means she should run some errands for a couple of hours.

Dear Annie: I recently lost my wife of over 20 years to the Seventh Commandment (adultery). I never saw it coming. I trusted her completely.

I have two teenage children

who live with me, and we are struggling. I am an emotional mess. I find it very difficult to work every day and still perform all the duties my wife did. I have no time to do anything but try to maintain some stability for my children. I'm almost 50 years old. How does a man who was dedicated to only one woman for over 25 years find happiness again?

— **Augusta, Ga.**
Dear Augusta: You are overwhelmed because you are still grieving over the loss of your marriage, and you're trying to do too much.

Counseling will help you and your children find some balance. You sound like a good person, and you will make some woman a great catch. When you're ready, tell your friends you're interested in dating again, and let them help you get back into circulation.

— **Jeff and Patti**
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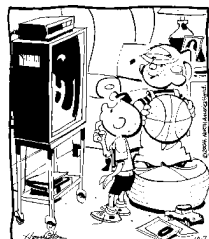
Family Circus



"PJ's gonna have it easy learning to write his name."



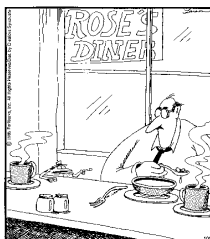
Dennis the Menace



"THIS SHOW HAS PEOPLE THAT DO THE LAUGHING FOR US."

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The Far Side



"I beg your pardon, but you're not planning to just throw that fly away, are you?"

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Too busy blushing, NASCAR not thinking

Jim Little

from your

senses, then

stepping in

front of a mi-

crophone to

say anything

coherent is

rough enough.

It's one reason

they're "Foot-

night" put a

delay in its

broadcasts

this season, and why the net-

works have extended theirs on

some programs to 10 seconds.

The other reason is that mal-

functioning at the Super Bowl, the

FCC hit CBS with a \$550,000 fine.

That sum was enough to make

some people look ahead. As is

often the case, NASCAR re-

mained stuck in the past.

They're still selling drivers risk-

ing their lives every weekend as a

"family sport," and pretending to

be surprised when some same

drivers can't shut the adrenaline

flow of the second the blink out

of their cars. It's like boxing in

that sense; you can't have it both

ways.

The practice of deducting

points from racers began when

the circuit found out that hefty

fines for violations like using ille-

gal parts weren't enough to deter

cheating. When Helton started ap-

plying the principle of cursing, he

probably reasoned you can't have

too much of a good thing. But

that's exactly what happened.

Lifting points wasn't a good

idea when it happened to Sauter

and Hornaday, but those penal-

ties passed without much of an

outcry on the second-tier circuit.

Even after Earnhardt was

docked, he was still second in the

standings and more than 26,000

respondents who voted in one In-

ternet poll by early Wednesday

morning made him the clear fa-

vorite to be the Nextel Cup cham-

pion by season's end.

The outcry won't — nor should

it — be anything like the one that

followed Earnhardt's death at the

Daytona 500 in 2001. That came

in the debut race of a \$2 bil-

lion-plus television package that

was supposed to put NASCAR on

the national sporting map. It was

the fourth racing death under sim-

ilar circumstances in nine

months, but it was the first one to

force NASCAR officials to adopt

several long-overdue safety mea-

sures.

His father's death has affected

the son and his sport ever since.

Earnhardt was called "The Intimi-

dator" for a good reason and re-

vered for his aggressive style and

straight talk. Years ago, when ci-

garate sponsorship propped up

stock-car racing, someone asked

him whether he'd ever smoked.

Earnhardt didn't mince words.

"I don't mess with anything,"

he said, frowning, "that's on fire."

Sounds like the apple didn't fall

far from that tree.

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Astros' Killer B's running out of chances

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Killer B's are back to try again, facing a familiar nemesis.

Who knows? This might be the last chance for Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell to show they can come through when it matters most.

They've been together with the Houston Astros since 1991, forming baseball's version of Jagger & Richards, Thelma & Louise and all those other great partnerships. But Biggio and Bagwell are getting on in years and they enter another postseason with all sorts of baggage — namely, their dismal playoff numbers and the team in the opposing dugout.

Bagwell has a career average of .174 once the regular season ends, with no homers and four puny RBIs in the 46 at-bats. Biggio is even worse: .130 with no homers and one RBI in 54 at-bats.

Most of their postseason lives have come against the Atlanta Braves, the team that has beaten the Astros in three of their last four playoff appearances and gets another crack at them this year.

The best-of-five, five division series opened Wednesday at Turner Field.

"It's a sense of urgency because you just don't know how many times it's going to happen," the 36-year-old Bagwell said. "It's no secret that it's toward the end of our careers. So when we get another oppor-



Game 1 of the Astros-Braves series ended after this edition went to press. See Friday's Stars and Stripes for coverage of the game.

tunity to play in the playoffs, we want to take advantage of it."

Biggio, who turns 39 in December, insisted that he's only concerned with the future, not the past.

"I can't worry about it," he said. "Every postseason has a new story and a new glitch. What's happened in the past, you can't go back there and do anything about it. It's over. The best thing we can do is go out and win some games."

At this time of year, the Astros always seem to come up short, a dismal postseason history that predates Biggio and Bagwell.

In 1980, they were within six outs of advancing to the World Series but lost to Philadelphia in a memorable NL championship series. The next year, Houston squandered a two-game lead in the playoffs, dropping

the last three games in Los Angeles. In 1986, the Astros were on the verge of forcing Game 7 in the NLCS against the New York Mets, only to give up three runs in the ninth and lose the series in a 16-inning thriller.

During the Killer B's era, Houston has lost four straight times in the division series, making the franchise 0-4-7 in the postseason.

"Let's keep knocking on wood and hope we can keep that going," Braves third baseman Chipper Jones said.

The Astros are hardly a two-man team, which should take some of the burden off Biggio and Bagwell.

Two other B's — switch-hitters Carlos Beltran and Lance Berkman — put up better offensive numbers. So did Jeff Kent. A pair of Cy Young contenders, Roger Clemens and Roy Oswalt, will start the first two games.

"It's not the same team either way," Bagwell said. "The Braves are not the same club. None of these guys were pitching, except for John Smoltz. We have a different cast of characters. You can throw all that stuff away and hope that when you get opportunities to score runs, it happens to go your way."

Bagwell takes offense when those last four postseason flops are pinned on two guys. Sure, the Killer B's morphed into the Killer Z's at playoff time. But they didn't get a whole lot of help from their teammates, either.

"Everybody focuses on what I've done or what Craig has done," Bagwell said. "When you say the Astros, you say Biggio and Bagwell, and you say postseason, and you think it's because of us. That's not understanding the game when you blame it totally on us."

Actually, the Astros entered this series with the look of a favorite.

After stumbling through the first 4 1/2 months, they claimed the wild card by winning 36 of their last 46 games — including an 18-game winning streak at home. With Clemens (18-4) and Oswalt (20-10) starting the first two games, Houston has to like its chances of at least gaining a split in Atlanta. Then it's back to Minute Maid Park, where the Astros haven't lost since Aug. 20.

The NL East champion Braves, who have plenty of postseason failures themselves, like the idea of being the underdog. No one on their once-dominating staff more wins than Game 1 starter Jarret Wright (15-7). No one in the lineup has 100 RBIs (the Astros have three such players in Beltran, Berkman and Bagwell).

"I like being the hunter," Jones said. "So many years in the postseason, we've been the hunted. Nobody gives us a chance to win the World Series. Now we gave us a chance to win the NL East. But here we stand."

"Until we get knocked out of the postseason, we're going to continue to believe in ourselves."

Cardinals outfielder Walker a rare bird

ST. LOUIS

The Dodgers were off Wednesday, which is just as well.

This time of the year, you always need time to heal those nagging injuries.

Like whiplash.

On a perfect Tuesday afternoon for jogging, the Cardinals took five slow trips around Busch Stadium's bases.

Odalis Perez fmed 15 Cardinals and retired eight, and Game 1 of this National League Division Series sailed outta here before the lunch utensils hit the dishwasher.

"You can't defend home runs," Jim Tracy mused after his Dodgers lost 8-3, making them 0-7 in postseason play since Game 5 of the 1988 World Series, which was during the Reagan administration.

At least Perez took care of his no-decision problem.

The game was under control until the two-out, nobody-on mark of the third inning. The Cardinals had been cautious until then, watching Perez find spots with his breaking stuff. They had taken nine quick strikes to that point, and only led, 1-0, thanks to a breathtaking Albert Pujols home run off what appeared to be a safe, down-and-in Perez changeup.

But here came Larry Walker, who has to be one of the few 389-homer No. 2 hitters in postseason history.

"My first time up had been horrible," Walker said, referring to a first-inning strikeout. "I'd had horrible at-bats against Perez."

Actually, Walker had been 1-for-16 against Perez going into the game. Someone mentioned the stat at Walker's press briefing, and the moderator repeated it for those who couldn't hear.

Walker grinned.

"You didn't have to ask it twice," he joked. "Now it's 2-for-32."

It became 2-for-18 almost immediately.

Walker bashed Perez's first pitch deep into the right-field fans, wearing Cub-bit-

Mark Whicker



ing red shirts that read, "Hey, Chicago, How's The TV Reception?"

That made it 2-0 and critically wounded Perez. Pujols singled, Scott Rolen walked, and Edgar Renteria scored them both with a double that bounced off the jutting portion of the seats, and away from left-fielder Jason Werth.

The rest was batting practice, including another Walker shot in the seventh inning, off Giovanni Carrara.

In between, Walker got fooled on Cesar Izturis' drive, chased it frantically and watched it bounce off his glove for what was scored a double. Izturis scored on Werth's double.

"I gave one back but I got two myself," Walker said. Then he lobbied for the official scorer to change the double to an error, on himself.

"It hits my glove, I should catch it," he said.

No, there aren't many like him. When St. Louis traded three minor-leaguers to Colorado for Walker on Aug. 6, left-fielder Reggie Sanders observed, "I didn't think our lineup could get any better. But it has."

The game, or at least Walker's relentless approach to it, has done its damage to his ribs and his groin and his legs. He missed all but 37 games in Colorado because of a groin problem, and hit only 18 home runs in 1993. He also had the best outfield arm in baseball and has 228 steals. Ex-manager Don Baylor called him a "6-tool player" because of his instincts.

This is a three-time batting champ who, in '97, won the MVP award when he smacked 49 home runs and drove in 130 runs. He also had the best outfield arm in baseball and has 228 steals. Ex-manager Don Baylor called him a "6-tool player" because of his instincts.



Walker, a 10-and-5 man, turned down trades to Arizona, Texas and Florida but approved the deal to St. Louis because of its idolatrous fans and the Cardinals' impending NL Central pennant. He called his brother and said their annual fishing trip, in early October, was probably off.

"I got two calls telling me the trade had gone through," Walker said. "One was from Jim Edmonds and the other was from Scott Rolen. I felt comfortable quite quickly. Everybody's funny here, and I just kind of slid in here with my goofiness."

Veteran Dodger Stadium fans might remember Walker's most famous brainlock moment. It happened in '94 when Walker was with Montreal, on a Sunday night ESPN game.

The right-fielder caught a fly ball in foul territory and handed it to a young fan at the railing. He took a few steps in, then scurried desperately back and told the kid, "I need this back for a minute."

Walker had forgotten there was only one on base. His throw was too late to keep Jose Oleron from getting to third.

When the clubhouse opened, Walker was sitting there waiting for the press. He looked up, deadpan, and mimicked the

The St. Louis Cardinals acquired Larry Walker on Aug. 6 to bolster their lineup for their run to the postseason. The move has paid off. The first of Walker's two home runs Tuesday started a big third inning that propelled the Cardinals to an 8-3 victory and a 1-0 National League Division Series lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

ESPN theme: "Dah-dah-dah, dah-dah-dah."

So what if he hadn't been to the postseason since 1995? There was no sign in the clubhouse that warned, "Stop Having Fun."

"I'm one that doesn't believe in pressure," Walker said. "Either I'm going to win or I'm going to lose. I'm going to succeed or fail. I don't go beyond that."

"I think he knew our guys but he didn't know how we play," said Tony LaRussa, the manager.

"I've heard him say it. But how we play is how he plays. He has made our lineup better, and everybody on our club pays attention to everything Larry does."

It was sort of hard for the Dodgers to avoid him. Now they have to win three of four to advance, against a team that went from July 2 to July 23 without losing three games.

So it might have been wretchedly excessive for LaRussa to say, "I think our team is fun to watch, unless you're on the other side sometimes."

Then again, St. Louis didn't get to be the clubhouse in the National League by playing fair. It got Larry Walker.

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Despite violating probation, Furcal cleared to play

The Associated Press

MARIETTA, Ga. — Atlanta Braves shortstop Rafael Furcal was cleared Wednesday to play in the postseason despite a probation violation on a drunken-driving charge.

The ruling came hours before the Braves were to open their divisional playoff series against the Houston Astros.

Furcal must remain in home confinement for the rest of the season. He has to return to a hotel if on the road, Judge David Darden said Wednesday.

Furcal also must blow into a portable breath-testing machine

Shortstop had second DUI arrest in four years last month

when called by a monitoring service affiliated with the probation department. The machine, hooked up to a cell phone and video camera, will relay the test results to officials.

"Don't take it lightly," Darden said. "The court is concerned a second violation might indicate he has a problem with judgment with regard to alcohol."

The 26-year-old shortstop, wearing a warmup jacket with NBA star Allen Iverson's nickname on the back, appeared in court with a translator. Furcal, the 2000 National League rookie of the year, batted .279 with 14 homers, 59 RBIs and 29 stolen

bases this season.

Furcal spoke little during the hearing, answering "yes" or nodding several times when the judge asked him if he understood the proceedings. A translator repeated the questions in Spanish for Furcal, who is from the Dominican Republic.

Furcal was arrested Sept. 10 and accused of driving under the influence, his second DUI arrest in four years. That arrest violated his probation in Cobb County for a June 2000 arrest on similar charges.

Darden sentenced Furcal to 21 days in jail to be followed by a 28-day in-house treatment program. He delayed the start of the sentence until the day after the Braves' season ends.

Cobb County Solicitor Barry Morgan said the sentence reflected that Furcal had 49 days left on his probation. He said he was allowed to continue playing because he accepted responsibility.

"I think one of the positive examples is that he has admitted he has a problem," Morgan said.

Indians GM: Viquez's return is a 'longshot'

CLEVELAND — Indians General Manager Mark Shapiro has bigger priorities this offseason than bringing back shortstop Omar Vizquel.

Vizquel, who will become a free agent next month when the Indians don't pick up his \$5 million contract option for 2005, wants to return for a 12th season in Cleveland. However, Shapiro is targeting a starting pitcher and perhaps a closer before he can consider offering the 37-year-old Vizquel a deal.

Shapiro called bringing back the widely popular Vizquel "a longshot."

"We're trying to build a championship team and Omar could be a part of that, could be," Shapiro said Tuesday. "That doesn't mean he has to be. I want Omar back, but I want this team to have the best chance to contend next year from Day One."

Shapiro met with Vizquel and the shortstop's agent, Adam Katz, on Monday to discuss the possibil-

ity of his return. No financial parameters were discussed, said Shapiro.

Vizquel batted .291 with seven homers and 59 RBIs this season. He also scored 82 runs, stole 19 bases and played well enough in the field to possibly win a 10th Gold Glove.

Former MVP Caminiti admits testing positive for cocaine

HOUSTON — Former National League Most Valuable Player Ken Caminiti admitted Tuesday he violated his probation by testing positive for cocaine last month and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

State District Judge William Hamon, however, gave Caminiti credit for time he has served in jail or a treatment center since he received three years deferred adjudication for felony cocaine possession in March 2001.

As a result, Caminiti, who already has spent 189 days behind bars, was expected to be released from jail on Tuesday, his attorney Tony Yates said.

Caminiti has failed four drug tests since going on probation in 2002 for possession of cocaine, according to his probation officer.

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Purdue's football players getting rock-star treatment

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Kyle Orton is no rock star, but he's starting to feel like one.

As the wins and big numbers pile up for ninth-ranked Purdue, Orton and his teammates are receiving considerable attention.

After Purdue (4-0) routed Notre Dame for their first victory in South Bend in 30 years, they were mobbed by fans and autograph seekers outside the stadium.

It's something that has caught the players by surprise, especially Orton, the low-key quarterback from Altoona, Iowa.

"I tell the guys, 'Once you leave the locker room, stay on the

move. Once you stop, the feeding frenzy upon you 'n' up," Purdue coach Joe Tiller said Tuesday.

Orton experienced that Saturday after completing 21 of 34 passes for 385 yards and four touchdowns in the Boilermakers' 41-16 victory over the Fighting Irish.

He has 17 touchdown passes and no interceptions in four games this season, injecting himself squarely into the chase for the Heisman Trophy. That amount of success at football's glamour position has put Orton in the public eye, and he was the No. 1 target for fans at Notre Dame.

The attention is starting to wear on him.

"I know there are people who want autographs, and that's fine,

but it's getting tough," Orton said. "The crowd" was pretty unbelievable after the game, and I tried to sign as many kids' autographs as I could. I felt bad about the meet couldn't sign, but I also wanted to see my parents and visit with them."

Success has started to make security necessary for the Boilermakers as they travel to and from games.

"It became an issue for the first time in South Bend," Tiller said. "I don't think we need security from a safety point of view, but from the logistics point of view."

Security officers will be present this Saturday at State College, Pa., where the Boilermakers will play Penn State (2-3) in their third straight road game.

OU's defense shaped Red River rivalry

BY JEFF LATZKE

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — There's something about Texas that brings the big plays out of Oklahoma's defense.

"I think anytime the competition stiffens up, you always see what's going to be a player the shine," Sooner linebacker Lance Mitchell said.

The second-ranked Sooners and fifth-ranked Longhorns met Saturday in the Red River Shootout, a rivalry that's been dominated recently by Oklahoma.

One of the defining moments of the Sooners' four-game winning streak was in 2001 when Okla-

ma safety Roy Williams went flying Superman-style over a Texas blocker and hit Longhorns quarterback Chris Simms at his own goal line, causing a deflected pass that fell into linebacker Teddy Lehman's hands for a touchdown.

Williams intercepted Simms' next pass to help seal a 14-3 win.

In 2002, the Sooners' stifled Simms while rallying from a 17-11 deficit. Oklahoma picked off three passes, with the last leading to the go-ahead score.

Last year, defensive end Jonathan Jackson intercepted Vince Young's pass and brought it back 21 yards for a score to make it 27-7 midway through the second quarter. By halftime, it

was 37-13 and the rout was on. The Sooners had six takeaways in a 35-win season.

In all, the Sooners have forced 16 turnovers in their past four games against Texas.

"We have made some really good, strong plays when we've had to," coach Bob Stoops said. Cornerback Antonio Perkins said momentum-changing plays are a result of preparation.

"We know what to prepare every day in practice and watch a lot of game film and know what's coming at us, we have a chance to be in position for a big play," Perkins said. "That's what makes it. We're always in position and we make the plays when they count the most."

Disgruntled Cassell a no-show at Timberwolves camp

The Associated Press

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. — Sam Cassell was a no-show on the first day of training camp Tuesday, sending a message to the Minnesota Timberwolves that he was displeased about not getting a contract extension.

"He's not totally unhappy, he just feels it's time for him to look out for his interests," said Charles Tucker, Cassell's agent.

Tucker said he spoke to Cassell on Tuesday afternoon, and that his client was in Minneapolis. The agent said he hoped to meet with Cassell on Tuesday evening, but he didn't know when Cassell would report to camp. Cassell also missed the team's media day on Monday.

"Does he want to be there? Yes," Tucker said.

After the Wolves' evening practice, vice president of basketball operations Kevin McHale said he also spoke with Cassell. McHale said he was hopeful that Cassell would show up on Wednesday, but wouldn't guarantee it.

"Until they show up, I'm not banking on nothing," McHale said.

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Cassell's contract calls for him to be paid \$55 million this season and \$61 million next season. Tucker said Cassell, 34, wants to make sure that he's part of Minnesota's long-term plans.

Cassell had career bests in scoring (19.8 points per game) and shooting (48.8 percent) during his first All-Star team in his first season with Minnesota, his 10th in the league.

The trio of Cassell, league MVP Kevin Garnett and Latrell Sprewell led the Wolves out of the first round of the playoffs for the first time in team history. Minnesota lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference finals, a series that Cassell barely played in because of torn cartilage in his hip.

He had successful surgery in June to repair the cartilage.

Minnesota signs Griffin

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. — Eddie Griffin is getting another shot at the NBA.

The former Houston and New Jersey forward better known for his troubles off the court, agreed to terms Tuesday with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Griffin, the seventh overall pick in the 2001 draft, joined his new teammates for an evening practice Tuesday, the first day of training camp.

"I do feel like this could be my last chance," Griffin said after the workout.

Terms of the deal weren't released. Arn Tellem, Griffin's agent, didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Griffin was released by the New Jersey Nets in February, less than two months after signing with the team in hopes of resurrecting his career. The Houston Rockets cut him in December.

Foot surgery keeps Wizards' Brown on sidelines

WASHINGTON — Washington Wizards forward Kwame Brown said the broken bone in his foot will likely keep him on the sidelines into the regular season.

As the Wizards opened training

camp Tuesday, Brown said he doubted he would be available for the season opener Nov. 3.

"I've been told by doctors that I can be practicing at full speed by the end of November," Brown said.

Brown broke a bone in his foot during a summer pickup game and underwent surgery in early August. Initially, doctors said Brown would recover in time for training camp.

Wizards President Ernie Grunfeld offered a more ambiguous time frame this week, saying that more will be known when Brown is re-examined in 10 days.

White signs with Nuggets despite gun charge

DENVER — The Denver Nuggets signed free agent forward Rodney White to a 2-year deal Tuesday, a day after a judge allowed him to leave Washington D.C. for the first time since his arrest last month on a gun charge.

White's future in the NBA was in doubt after a Secret Service officer arrested him and two other men Sept. 5 for randomly shooting a gun in the air. White spent 10 days in jail and wasn't allowed

to go 30 miles outside of Washington until Monday.

"I'm so thankful that the Nuggets stood behind me during a tough time," White said Tuesday, the first day of Denver's training camp. "Everybody let me know that this was home and I'm happy to be back. It was a mistake, just being a little stupid. I learned from it. I learned a valuable lesson, and I'm moving on."

White still faces a felony charge of unlawful discharge of a gun, but Nuggets general manager Riki Wandeweghe said he expects that to be reduced to a misdemeanor or less through a plea bargain.

White's contract can be voided if he is convicted of a felony.

White averaged 7.5 points and 2.3 rebounds with the Nuggets last season, his second in Denver.

Hawks extend contract of GM

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks have extended the contract of General Manager Billy Knight, and added the title of executive vice president.

Terms of the multiyear contract extension were not disclosed when the team made the announcement Tuesday.

Singh critiques Woods' swing

The Associated Press

ST ANDREWS, Scotland — Vijay Singh has a theory about what's wrong with Tiger Woods' game: he hasn't adapted his swing to the changes in his body.

Singh deposed Woods as No. 1 in the world golf rankings last month. Ernie Els has also moved past the American into second place, leaving Woods at No. 3.

"I think his body and his swing do not match like they did some four or five years ago," Singh said Wednesday. "So he has to adjust that. I'm sure that once he figures that out, he'll be OK."

Singh, speaking on the eve of the Dunhill Links Championship at St. Andrews, Carmouistie and Kingsbarns, said the swing has to be adapted as the body develops with age.

"As you get older you have to keep adjusting your swing to your body. Your body does not stay the same," the 41-year-old Fijian said.

"When Tiger first came on the scene, he was extremely strong. I'm not saying he's not strong now but you slow down a bit. So the golf swing has to match your body's ability."

"You know, I have adjusted accordingly and for the better and I don't think Tiger has done that. I don't think he has progressed that way."

Woods, 28, hasn't won a stroke play event since last year's Amex Championship, a title he failed to defend successfully in Ireland last week. His only victory this year was in the World Golf Match Play Championship.

John Andretti gets ride with new Nextel Cup team

CONCORD, N.C. — John Andretti and ppc Racing, one of the top teams in NASCAR's Busch Series, will get together on a Nextel Cup team that will begin racing Oct. 16 at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

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Andretti will run five of the last six events of the season, excluding Martinsville, Va., and the entire 36-race schedule in 2005, the team announced Tuesday.

"A lot of people have been working hard to put this program together," said Andretti, a two-time winner in the Nextel Cup series. "It's pretty exciting to have everything set and ready to go, and to know we are going to be a very competitive race team."

The ppc team, owned by Jeff Polles, won the Busch Series championship in 2000 with Greg Green and also has four runner-up finishes. The Nextel Cup team will be sponsored by Victory Brand LLC, Sunoco, AFUS convenience stores and Ford.

Andretti, 41, lost his full-time ride with Petty Enterprises midway through last season and has driven sporadically for several other teams since. He has started just five races this year, finishing 16th at Chicagoland Speedway on July 11 in a DEI car.

Gamecocks receiver Thomas suspended for three weeks

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina starting wide receiver Matthew Thomas has been suspended for academic reasons.

Thomas will be suspended for at least three weeks because of issues related to class attendance and other academic matters, coach Lou Holtz said Tuesday.

"People who come to school here are going to be student-athletes," Holtz said.

Sophomore Noah Whiteside will move into the starting lineup, Holtz said.

The 25th-ranked Gamecocks (4-1) play Mississippi at home on Saturday.

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Williams' agent says star RB wants to play

BY STEVEN WINE

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Maybe Ricky Williams is tired of traveling. Maybe he has run out of books to read. Or maybe he doesn't want to pay the \$8.6 million he owes the Miami Dolphins for breach of contract.

Whatever the reason, Williams wants to rejoin the Dolphins and has asked the NFL how soon he can return, his agent said Tuesday.

It's unclear whether the 2002 NFL rushing champion must serve a suspension the rest of this season for repeated violations of the league drug program. He has asked the league for a hearing to clarify his status, but no date has been set.

A Dolphins source speaking on the condi-

tion of anonymity said the team's understanding is that Williams can't play this year because of the violations.

Williams left the Dolphins reeling when he retired just before training camp in late July, and they are 0-4, their worst start since 1966. His agent, Leigh Steinberg, declined to discuss Williams' change of heart.

"All I can tell you is that Ricky has asked me to explore and to try to facilitate his return," Steinberg said. "He's excited and in good shape and misses football." One likely factor for Williams' reversal: On Sept. 24, an arbitrator ordered him to repay more than \$8.6 million to the team for breaching his contract.

Steinberg and the Dolphins declined to say whether there have been recent conversations between the two parties.

"This is an issue between the player, his representative and the league," Dolphins General Manager Rick Spielman said. "Accordingly, we don't have a comment on the matter."

Last week, coach Dave Wannstedt said he hadn't talked to Williams in about a month.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello declined to comment about the situation.

Since retiring, Williams has traveled to Asia and Australia, but Steinberg said he's now in the United States.

"He's in excellent shape," Steinberg said. "He has been working out regularly and looks great."

Williams and the Dolphins traded long-distance barbs in the days after he quit. But Miami's poor start would likely make it more inclined to take him back.

The 27-year-old running back has given many reasons for retiring. He expressed a desire to travel, read and continue smoking marijuana. He said he was unhappy about his contract, a workload he considered excessive and Miami's new offensive coordinator Chris Foerster.

He acknowledged testing positive for marijuana three times.

Under league rules, a player in the NFL's drug program faces suspension if he returns in the calendar year after he announces his retirement. If he returns after a year, he faces a lesser suspension.

The Dolphins are headed toward their first losing season since 1988. They have scored only two touchdowns in four games without Williams, who rushed for 3,225 yards in two seasons after being obtained in a trade with New Orleans.

Ravens' J. Lewis faces suspension

BY DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens expect Jamal Lewis to play Sunday against the Washington Redskins. However, they're already preparing for the possibility an NFL suspension would take away their star running back for up to four games.

Lewis probably will be suspended, and perhaps fined, by the NFL if he pleads guilty Thursday to drug charges in Atlanta, as expected.

"A drug-related violation is grounds for discipline from the league," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Tuesday.

The Ravens figure to hear from the league about a disciplinary measure during their bye week, which begins after the Washington game.

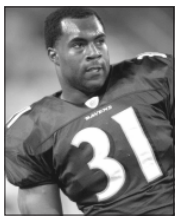
"I don't know, but I would guess there might be some resolution during the bye week," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "I would certainly think so. And once we have that resolution, then we can plan with a little more detail."

Under the deal being considered, Lewis would plead guilty to using a cell phone in violation of federal law and serve a sentence of six months after the 2005 season. Once the plea is on the record, NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue can move ahead with his review of the case.

"They will set the parameters for how we go forward, and under what conditions legally," Billick said, referring to the legal system. "The next part of the process is obviously what the league wants to do."

Lewis will miss practice Thursday while in Atlanta federal court, but Billick intends to have him back for practice on Friday and in the backfield Sunday night when Baltimore (2-2) tries to bounce back from Monday's 27-24 loss to Kansas City.

"I'm comfortable that he'll have enough time to be ready for Sunday's game," Billick said. "It's our understanding that it's very unlikely that there will be any judgment with regards to what the league chooses to do that would impact this game."



An aide to the presiding judge said Tuesday that Jamal Lewis, above, has agreed to plead guilty in a federal drug conspiracy case.

"Beyond that, I don't think anything has changed from how we originally planned to deal with these circumstances."

The Ravens figured they would lose Lewis during his trial, which was scheduled to begin Nov. 1. Now, they anticipate losing him for up to four weeks, beginning with the Oct. 24 home game against the Buffalo Bills.

Regardless of the length of the suspension, Billick will summon Chester Taylor and Musa Smith to run in Lewis' place.

Buccaneers QB Simms to make first pro start

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Chris Simms will make his first pro start at quarterback for the winless Tampa Bay Buccaneers this week, replacing Brad Johnson.

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"I hope I can give us the spark we need," Simms said Wednesday, when the Bucs (0-4) prepared for Sunday's game against the New Orleans Saints (2-2).

The second-year pro is the son of former New York Giants star Phil Simms. The Bucs selected him in the third round of the 2003 draft, and the strong-armed left-hander saw his first regular-season action in relief of Johnson three weeks ago.

Simms replaced Johnson after 15 plays of Tampa Bay's 10-6 loss to Seattle on Sept. 19. Although he led two drives to field goals, he fumbled twice and tossed a game-clinching interception.

Vikings RB Smith to begin four-game suspension

MINNEAPOLIS — Running

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players followed by the team's prognosis. See Friday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league.

Steelers: LB Kendrick Bell (sports hernia) out 2 weeks.

Texans: WR Tyrone Calico (torn knee cartilage) out 2-3 weeks.

back Onterio Smith, a key part of the Minnesota Vikings' offense, will miss the next four games serving a suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

The league told positive for marijuana, and he already was in the league's substance-abuse program for at least one previous positive test. His suspension had been on hold pending an appeal.

Bengals DE Smith charged with DUI

DAYTON, Ohio — Cincinnati Bengals defensive end Justin Smith was arrested early Tuesday and charged with drunken driving after he failed a breath test, the Montgomery County sheriff's department said.

Smith, 25, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.152, the report said.



Top Scores for Week 4

186	Best Guess	Spangdahlem
180	yankeesRt1	127TH MP CO
180	Paco's Pirates	ARMSTRONG BARRACKS
178	gnkk	77th maint.
178	coupe	MAG-12
176	STEELEFROGWOOD	Menwith Hill, U.K.
174	bossdog	Saxman
174	Saxman	EUSA Band
174	Choirboy	Campbell Bks
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716	Joe Corleone	Misawa
714	Black Knights	Ramstein AB
710	supermedic_27	Ledward Barracks
708	NEOBIT	USFJ
706	DR DOOM	Heidelberg
704	Ork	Camp Zama

See websites for official game rules.

Check this space every Thursday during the entire NFL season for the weeks Top Scores and Best Overall Scores during the NFL Challenge.

NFL statistics

AFC individual leaders

NFC individual leaders

Week 4						Week 4					
Quarterbacks						Quarterbacks					
	Att	Com	Yds	Td	Int		Att	Com	Yds	Td	Int
Manning, Ind.	131	88	1123	11	0	Culpepper, Min.	107	70	945	8	1
Pennington, N.Y.	80	56	625	4	0	McNabb, Phil.	144	98	1168	9	2
Brady, N.E.	84	52	672	4	0	Bulger, S.F.	139	96	1101	4	1
Brees, S.D.	85	56	682	6	0	Warner, N.G.	114	77	908	4	2
Carr, N.E.	107	69	1003	4	0	Favre, G.B.	126	81	865	7	0
Volek, Ten.	59	39	278	2	0	Harrington, Det.	89	53	562	2	0
Calcutt, N.E.	68	40	324	3	0	Roethlisberger, Pitt.	68	40	324	3	0
Roethlisberger, Pitt.	67	41	513	4	0	Hasselbeck, Sea.	152	87	647	2	0
Bledsoe, Bos.	78	49	444	2	0	St. Louis	152	87	647	2	0
Plummer, Den.	135	79	912	5	0	Rattay, S.F.	78	49	474	2	0
						Vick, A.T.	79	47	605	2	0
Rushers						Rushers					
	Att	Yds	LG	Td	Int		Att	Yds	LG	Td	Int
Holmes, K.C.	107	476	54	33	6	Barber, N.G.	89	476	54	33	6
Murray, N.Y.	85	429	50	24	0	Green, G.B.	89	372	42	25	1
Tommison, S.D.	91	418	49	42	0	St. Louis	92	369	40	64	2
J. Faulk, San.	77	415	45	38	4	T. Jones, Chi.	79	311	45	18	2
Brady, N.E.	80	408	51	52	0	Westbrook, Phil.	68	297	43	50	5
Staley, P.	87	372	43	38	0	Westbrook, Phil.	68	297	43	50	5
P. Harrison, Cin.	81	395	49	2	0	M. Faulk, S.F.	69	313	45	18	2
Drillon, N.E.	66	323	49	38	0	Wagner, G.B.	68	297	43	50	5
Gifford, Den.	81	295	36	67	2	Smith, Atl.	68	290	43	29	3
						Barlow, S.F.	64	254	40	60	2
Receivers						Receivers					
	Att	Yds	LG	Td	Int		Att	Yds	LG	Td	Int
Ward, Pitt.	28	394	141	58	0	Bruce, S.F.	22	148	14	59	1
Mason, Ten.	27	292	108	34	3	E. Johnson, S.F.	28	298	106	25	1
Harrison, Ind.	36	252	87	34	0	Horn, N.O.	27	342	127	33	0
Bennett, Ten.	25	264	106	35	0	Owens, Phil.	26	364	140	55	6
McKachuck, Den.	24	274	114	17	1	Holt, S.F.	25	310	124	36	1
Todd, S.D.	22	311	141	45	1	Coles, Wash.	24	291	121	45	0
Smith, Den.	22	266	121	34	1	Westerlund, N.C.	24	296	126	82	0
Wayne, Ind.	21	365	144	44	2	Walker, G.B.	23	276	133	79	4
C. Johnson, Cin.	20	297	149	53	1	Stallworth, N.C.	22	259	118	45	1
Scifres, S.D.	20	242	121	111	3	T. Jones, Chi.	21	156	74	27	0
Punters						Punters					
	No	Yds	LG	Avg			No	Yds	LG	Avg	
Lechler, Oak.	13	637	63	48.2	Tupa, Wash.	26	1209	58	45.5	45.5	
J. Milne, N.E.	12	584	60	48.7	Myhr, Phil.	20	969	50	48.4	48.4	
H. Smith, Ind.	12	544	61	45.3	Spradburn, Car.	16	778	58	48.6	48.6	
Stokes, Ind.	10	478	59	47.8	Lindero, S.F.	15	664	52	44.3	44.3	
Moorman, Buf.	10	468	89	45.2	Harris, Det.	18	780	53	44.0	44.0	
Chick, K.C.	10	468	89	45.2	Berger, N.O.	19	826	56	43.5	43.5	
McNabb, Phil.	10	468	89	45.2	Blowell, T.B.	22	1129	59	43.4	43.4	
Frost, Cle.	23	1099	54	43.9	Smith, S.F.	22	943	53	43.3	43.3	
St. Louis	18	784	50	43.6	Player, Ariz.	22	943	53	43.3	43.3	
Garold, Pitt.	24	1043	58	43.5	Moht, Atl.	27	1241	57	45.5	45.5	
Punt Returns						Punt Returns					
	No	Yds	LG	Avg			No	Yds	LG	Avg	
Sams, Bal.	16	210	13	63	3	M. Lewis, N.O.	12	131	108	30	0
Smith, Den.	6	87	124	30	0	Rossburn, Atl.	11	141	108	30	0
McNabb, Phil.	11	153	10	63	0	Engram, Sea.	6	51	85	10	0
Northeast, Cle.	9	104	116	44	4	Ward, Dal.	11	88	80	13	0
St. Louis	9	89	95	36	0	Jones, N.Y.	10	74	74	21	0
Brigman, Cin.	9	83	83	19	0	St. Louis	10	62	63	14	0
Henderson, Ind.	10	83	83	19	0	Mahe, Phil.	13	61	61	25	0
Hall, K.C.	11	253	230	45	0	Battle, S.F.	4	40	13	2	0
Sams, Bal.	10	222	224	4	0	Williams, Ariz.	3	39	43	8	0
Kickoff Returns						Kickoff Returns					
	No	Yds	LG	Avg			No	Yds	LG	Avg	
McGee, Buf.	10	289	283	48	0	Drummond, Det.	5	143	30.3	99	1
Droegemeier, Den.	10	289	283	48	0	Murphy, T.B.	8	208	26	54	0
Gabriel, Oak.	12	346	288	64	0	Henderson, N.Y.	5	128	26	54	0
Randall, S.F.	6	257	261	0	0	C.T.B.	5	128	26	54	0
Dwyer, S.D.	15	407	271	87	1	Cornia, Chi.	11	272	247	46	0
P. Ind.	10	278	272	87	1	Reed, Phil.	11	272	247	46	0
White, S.D.	11	258	235	35	0	Stattman, A.T.	10	264	237	71	0
Henderson, Ind.	10	258	235	35	0	Schuler, S.F.	10	264	237	71	0
Hall, K.C.	11	253	230	45	0	Robertson, S.F.	12	352	235	37	0
Sams, Bal.	10	222	224	4	0	M. Lewis, N.O.	12	352	235	51	0
Scoring						Scoring					
	Td	Rush	Pt	Fg	LG		Td	Rush	Pt	Fg	LG
Holmes, K.C.	3	0	0	0	0	Alexander, Sea.	6	4	0	0	36
Pennington, N.Y.	5	5	0	0	0	Owens, Phil.	6	4	0	0	36
Bettis, Pitt.	4	4	0	0	0	Moss, Min.	5	5	0	0	30
Grahan, N.E.	4	4	0	0	0	Moore, N.Y.	5	5	0	0	30
Martin, Ind.	4	4	0	0	0	Wagner, G.B.	4	4	0	0	24
Griffin, Den.	3	0	0	0	0	Barber, N.G.	4	4	0	0	24
Caldwell, S.D.	3	0	0	0	0	Williams, Det.	4	4	0	0	24
Vanderjagt, Ind.	3	0	0	0	0	Punta, Wash.	3	3	0	0	18
Harrison, Ind.	3	0	0	0	0	Smith, Ariz.	3	3	0	0	18
McNabb, Phil.	3	0	0	0	0						
Stokely, Ind.	3	0	0	0	0						
Tommison, S.D.	3	0	0	0	0						
Kicking						Kicking					
	No	Pts	Fg	LG	Pts		No	Pts	Fg	LG	Pts
Elam, Den.	7	-7	-10	50	37	Carney, N.O.	11	-10	-13	51	38
K. Brown, Noh.	7	-7	-10	50	37	Akers, Phil.	10	-10	-13	53	33
Johnson, N.Y.	7	-7	-10	50	37	Wilkins, S.F.	6	-7	-6	53	25
Janjani, Oak.	7	-7	-10	50	37	Washington, Wash.	6	-7	-6	53	25
Dawson, Cle.	5	-5	-8	49	29	Christie, Wash.	9	-9	-5	50	33
Kearney, S.D.	15	-15	-5	51	28	Christie, Wash.	9	-9	-5	50	33
Vanderjagt, Ind.	9	-9	-10	50	37	Schuler, S.F.	5	-5	-6	34	23
Vinaterri, N.E.	8	-8	-6	43	27	Edginger, Chi.	6	-6	-4	35	18
St. Louis	11	-11	-4	50	37	Longwell, G.B.	9	-9	-4	35	18
Tynes, K.C.	11	-11	-4	50	37						



Jets, clockwise from bottom left, Shaun Ellis, Dewayne Robertson and Bryan Thomas stop Dolphins running back Leonard Henry on Sunday. New York has 10 takeaways and has scored two touchdowns on defense.

Opportunistic Jets defense now feasting on turnovers

BY ANDREA ADELSON

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — When Jets coach Herman Edwards started reviewing the many problems that plagued his defense last year, one glaring weakness jumped out at him.

The Jets barely got any turnovers, so Edwards made it a priority to reverse that trend. Through three games, it has worked.

The Jets have 10 takeaways, including five interceptions. Last year, they had 20 total takeaways and 11 interceptions, with no defensive scores. Cornerback Donnie Abraham has scored two touchdowns, on a fumble recovery in the opener against Cincinnati and a 66-yard interception return against the Dolphins on Sunday that sealed the 17-9 win.

"I know in our division, we felt we needed to improve on defense because it's a defensive division," Edwards said. "When you look at Buffalo, you're at Miami, New England, they're in the top 10 generally in defense. We needed to catch up with those guys if we were going to be a good team in our division."

In 2003, the Jets struggled without Abraham, usually the team's leader in takeaways. He missed most of the season with a shoulder injury, and Aaron Reasley led the Jets with a meager three interceptions.

The Jets lagged far behind St. Louis, which led the league with 46 takeaways. Only Buffalo had

fewer with 18, leading to Edwards' mantra of "turnovers are the key."

They went to work in the opener and have kept it up. Against the Dolphins, the Jets had four turnovers and four sacks.

Though their three wins came against teams that are a combined 3-9, the Jets have learned a little bit about their young defense.

Rookie safety Erik Coleman, a fifth-round pick out of Washington State, has exceeded expectations with his solid play. He has two interceptions and is now the starter at strong safety.

Dewayne Robertson has improved at tackle after struggling during his rookie season. Coaches are so impressed with him, he got to wear a black jersey during practice the last two weeks as a reward for all his hard work.

John Abraham is more effective back at his rush end spot on offense to dropping back into coverage in the 3-4 scheme new coordinator Donnie Henderson intermittently has used. Against the Dolphins, John Abraham had two sacks, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Edwards said rookie Jonathan Vilma played well in his first career start against the Dolphins.

Vilma had eight tackles in place of Sam Cowart, out with a sprained left knee. On Donnie Abraham's interception return, Vilma checked to a defensive alignment that allowed for the play to be made.

"The game wasn't too big for

him," Edwards said. "He didn't get caught up in 'This is my start.' He just went out there and played."

Edwards also was pleased his team got tested in a close game. Shaun Ellis, who had 12½ sacks last year, has a half-sack so far. Henderson still needs to figure out the best ways to use his players, and has criticized himself, at times, for his play calling.

But one thing is obvious: their aggressive play. That has led to all the turnovers, and is evident to everyone on the team.

"Our team plays with a lot of energy and passion," quarterback Chad Pennington said. "We are aggressive. Offensively we're pushing the ball downfield. We're running the ball extremely well."

On defense, we're making aggressive plays with turnovers, sacks, interceptions and disruption all the time."

HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

Cougars on the prowl

Bailey, streaking Ansbach aggressively pursuing challenge

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

ANSBACH, Germany isn't a place you don't know much about losing.

In fact, he's never been on the losing end of a high school football game.

The Cougars, for whom Bailey plays tight end and outside linebacker, have won 19 straight games and two straight European Division III championships.

"We take pride in winning," Bailey said, "and we hope to go undefeated again."

"The streak is always there, but coach keeps our heads level. He won't let us think past the next game."

The coach is Marcus George, and this week his Cougars are taking on Division II power Vilseck.

"They've got a lot of big, healthy boys on the line," Bailey said.

Still, the Cougars, whose starters include four All-Europe players — Bailey, James Esters, Dameron Outley and Mike Ewing — are looking forward to the challenge.

"One thing you can say is this team does not lack confidence," Bailey said. "We're a small school, but we love to play any school. We don't care about size."

Bailey said his team's confidence derives from a couple of factors.

"We practice hard and we have a lot of talent," he said.

"We like to think that nobody can do it as well as we can."

That's certainly true in Bailey's case, according to his coach.

"He's got good hands, good wheels, and he's a hard hitter," George said of the player he called "the best tight end I've had in 30 years."

Bailey, a 6-foot-2, 210-pound senior from Newport News, Va., returned the compliments.

"Coach George really knows a lot about football," Bailey said.



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Ansbach linebacker/tight end Russell Bailey will lead the undefeated Cougars against Division II Vilseck on Saturday. Ansbach, a Division III school, enters the game with a 19-game winning streak.

"Whatever he says about the game, that's what I believe, too."

It's a belief system that includes scheduling games against teams in higher divisions.

In Bailey's view, Vilseck provides a chance for a competitive game, the kind of game the Cougars haven't experienced for a while. Last season, Ansbach won every game it played by the 40-point mercy rule. After three games this year, Ansbach's average score is 53-16.

"Bamberg played us close for a while," Bailey said of the opener the Cougars won 59-26. "And Ho-

henfels (which fell 50-13 last Friday) scared us a little in the beginning, but we turned it on. When we do that, no one has been able to stay with us."

If the situation changes against Vilseck, that would be fine with Bailey: He'd get more playing time.

Most of the time, Ansbach's starters are relegated to the bench as the Cougars coaches try to keep the score down. Bailey made the most of his chances against Hofenfels, hauling in a 65-yard TD pass before being sent to the pine for much of the evening.

"People ask us about our stats — why we made All-Europe with stats like that," said Bailey, who had 19 catches for 211 yards and three TDs in '03. "They don't realize that we only get to play two quarters most of the time."

Bailey, also All-Europe in basketball, hopes to play college football next season, but there's another matter to deal with first.

"We want to win a third championship," Bailey said, adding that he considers the goal well within his team's reach.

"Our senior class thinks there's nothing we can't do."

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This week's schedule

Cross country

Saturday
All U.K. private schools: Island, Lakenheath, London Central and Menwith Hill at Alconbury; American Overseas School of Rome at Alconbury; AFNORTH, Bamberg, Alconbury, Alconbury and Patch at Hildesberg; Bitburg, Brussels, Frankfurt International School and St. John's at International School of Brussels; Marymount and Signella at Naples; Livorno and Milan at Vicenza; Bamberg, Hofenfels and SHAPE at Vilseck; Hanau, Mannheim, Ramstein and Wiesbaden at Würzburg.

Football

Saturday

(Overall, conference records in parentheses)

Division I — Lakenheath (2-2, 1-1) at Hildesberg (3-0, 2-0); Wiesbaden (2-1, 1-1) at Ramstein (2-1, 1-1); Kaiserslautern (1-2, 1-1) at Würzburg (0-3, 0-2).
Division II-North — Bitburg (2-1, 1-1) at International School of Brussels (3-0, 2-0); SHAPE (2-1, 1-1) at Mannheim (0-3, 0-2).
Division II-South — Patch (1-2, 1-2) at Alconbury (3-0, 2-0); Hanau (2-1, 2-0) at Naples (2-1, 1-1).
Division III-A — Rota (2-1, 0-0) at Mannheim (2-1, 1-1).
Division III-C — Hofenfels (2-1, 0-1) at Vicenza (2-1, 0-0).
Division III-D — Giessen (2-1, 0-1) at Bamberg (0-3, 0-1).
Nonconference — Vilseck (2-1) at Ansbach (0-0); Signella (1-2) at Alconbury (0-3); Baumholder (2-1) at AFNORTH (2-1); Brussels (1-2) at London Central (1-2).

Golf

Thursday

Hanau and Wiesbaden at Bamberg; Kaiserslautern and SHAPE at Baumholder; Mannheim and Alconbury at Patch.

Friday

Vilseck and Würzburg at Hildesberg.

Tennis

Friday

Division III — Frankfurt at London Central.

Saturday

Division I — Hildesberg at Kaiserslautern.

Division II — SHAPE at Vilseck.

Division III — Iceland at Alconbury; Ansbach at Baumholder.

Nonconference — Ramstein at Mannheim; Hanau and Hofenfels at Würzburg; Bitburg at International School of Brussels; Brussels at AFNORTH; Patch at Bamberg.

Volleyball

Saturday

Brussels and Iceland at Alconbury; American Overseas School of Rome at Alconbury; Hofenfels at Bamberg; Baumholder and Wiesbaden at Alconbury; AFNORTH, Bitburg and Kaiserslautern at Mannheim; London Central at Menwith Hill; Marymount and Signella at Naples; Giessen and Hanau at Patch; Livorno and Milan at Vicenza; Ansbach, Black Forest Academy and SHAPE at Vilseck; Lakenheath and Ramstein at Würzburg.

Game of the week

Football

Rota at Menwith Hill

What: Division III-A conference football game

When: 1 p.m. Saturday

Where: Base athletic field

What's at stake: Conference title and home-field advantage for Division III playoffs

The home-field advantage of Saturday's game is so important that base officials at Menwith Hill are building a field.

"We're building a 36-yard rugby field," Menwith Hill coach Pete Ewing said on Wednesday. "But Rota asked for a full-size one. They're getting it ready."

The field issue is huge, because a Menwith Hill victory on Saturday would boost the U.K. championship for the undefeated Mustangs and ensure they'll host the II-A championship on Oct. 23 in the first round of the playoffs.

A victory in that game would set up a semifinal playoff game in Menwith Hill, too.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Ray Berges

Football
London Central

Last week: Berges, a senior running back nicknamed "Play-Boy" by his teammates, rushed for 184 yards and five touchdowns Saturday as the Bobcats defeated visiting Mannheim 39-0 for their first victory in their first season as a Division II school.

"We always play on running," said Berges, a dorm student who returned to football this season after two years in Brazil, "but not that much."



"What happened was that the offensive line (Jeff Thomas, Jesse Tate, Tom Tate, Mike Craig, Ivan Azucena and Clyde Thompson) had a big day. I just followed them."

Berges, a striker who said he concentrated on soccer during his year in Rio de Janeiro and another in Brazil, said the return to the sport he last played as a freshman at George C. Marshall High School in Vienna, Va., went smoothly.

"It wasn't hard at all," he said of the adjustment. "It just came back to me."

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Ehrin Hopkins

Girls volleyball
Patch

Last week: Hopkins, a senior middle blocker and Panthers captain, had 19 kills, 19 service points and three blocks Saturday in victories over Wiesbaden (25-17, 25-24, 25-16) and Würzburg (25-23, 25-16, 25-17).

Hopkins has been dominating at the net, coach Todd Taylor wrote in an e-mail detailing Hopkins' contributions to his team's 4-0 record.

He added that Hopkins has six blocks, 37 kills and



30 service points for the season. "Ehrin worked hard during the off-season to improve her already good volleyball skills," Taylor continued. "She has come a long way since the beginning of last year."

Hopkins excels in the classroom, too. Taylor is a four-point-plus National Honor Society student who edits the school yearbook and is a Model U.N. participant.

"Ehrin is a great example of what a student-athlete should be. She is an outstanding leader both on and off the volleyball court," Taylor wrote.

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SPORTS



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Superfantastic



Minnesota Twins pitcher Johan Santana delivers against the New York Yankees during the first inning in Game 1 of the American League Division Series on Tuesday at Yankee Stadium in New York. Santana, who hasn't lost since the All-Star break, was the winner in the Twins' 2-0 victory.

Accompanied by a stellar defense, Santana fends off Yanks in Bronx

BY RONALD BLUM
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NEW YORK — Johan Santana got the outs he absolutely needed. The Minnesota Twins' dazzling defense did the rest.

Jacque Jones homered in his first start since the death of his father, Minnesota turned a record five double plays and the Twins beat the Yankees 2-0 Tuesday night to win their eighth straight opener in a postseason series.

"Tonight we proved what the team, the Minnesota Twins, are all about," Santana said.

Minnesota's Soul Patrol outfield twice denied the Yankees with jumping catches. Left fielder

Shannon Stewart saved one run and possibly two on Ruben Sierra's shot in the second, and center fielder Torii Hunter pulled in an eighth-inning drive by Alex Rodriguez at the top of the wall.

Hunter also threw out Jorge Posada at the plate in the second to complete the second double play by the Twins, who set a record for twin killings in a nine-inning postseason game.

"That's our game," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Brad Radke tries to give the AL Central champions a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series Wednesday night before the teams shift to the noisy Metrodome in Minneapolis.

New York, which lost the first

game of all three postseason series it played last year, is in familiar position: The Yankees have dropped the first-round opener in three of the last four seasons — winning the series each time, but losing to Anaheim two years ago after leading 1-0.

Santana, unbeaten since the All-Star break, allowed nine hits in seven innings, the most off him since May 23. Four of the Yankees' first six batters reached safely and 10 of the first 24, but Santana kept escaping, getting four double plays in the first five innings.

"He pitched his heart out," Gardenhire said. "He was unbelievable tonight."

Juan Rincon pitched the eighth, and Joe Nathan finished for the save with the Twins' only 1-2-3 inning.

New York, shut out for the second straight time in postseason play, went 0-for-6 with runners in scoring position. That's a familiar tale for the Yankees, who went



Twin killings

Minnesota set an AL record Tuesday for the most double plays in a postseason game:

- American League**
- 5 — Minnesota vs. N.Y. Yankees, ALDS, Oct. 5, 2004
 - 4 — Anaheim vs. N.Y. Yankees, ALDS, Oct. 1, 2003
 - 4 — Oakland vs. Boston, ALCS, Oct. 5, 1975
 - 4 — Cleveland vs. Baltimore, ALCS, Oct. 11, 1991, 12 innings
- National League**
- 5 — Atlanta vs. Cincinnati, NLCS, Oct. 10, 1995, 11 innings
 - 4 — Atlanta vs. Colorado, NLDS, Oct. 3, 1995
 - 4 — Houston vs. Atlanta, NLDS, Oct. 10, 2001
 - 4 — Los Angeles vs. Montreal, NLCS, Oct. 13, 1989
 - 4 — San Francisco vs. St. Louis, NLCS, Oct. 10, 1987
- World Series**
- 4 — Philadelphia (NL) vs. Kansas City (AL), Oct. 15, 1980
 - 4 — Oakland (AL) vs. New York (NL), Oct. 17, 1973
 - 4 — New York (AL) vs. New York (NL), Oct. 8, 1951
 - 4 — Cleveland (AL) vs. Boston (NL), Oct. 11, 1948
 - 4 — Chicago (NL) vs. New York (AL), Sept. 26, 1958
 - 4 — Boston (AL) vs. Brooklyn (NL), Oct. 7, 1916
 - 4 — Philadelphia (AL) vs. Boston (NL), Oct. 9, 1914

7-for-50 with runners in scoring position during last year's World Series loss to Florida, including 0-for-7 against Josh Beckett in the Game 6 finale — also a 2-0 loss.

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"Santana probably didn't have his best stuff tonight, but when he needed to get a groundball, he got it."

Joe Torre
Yankees manager

